



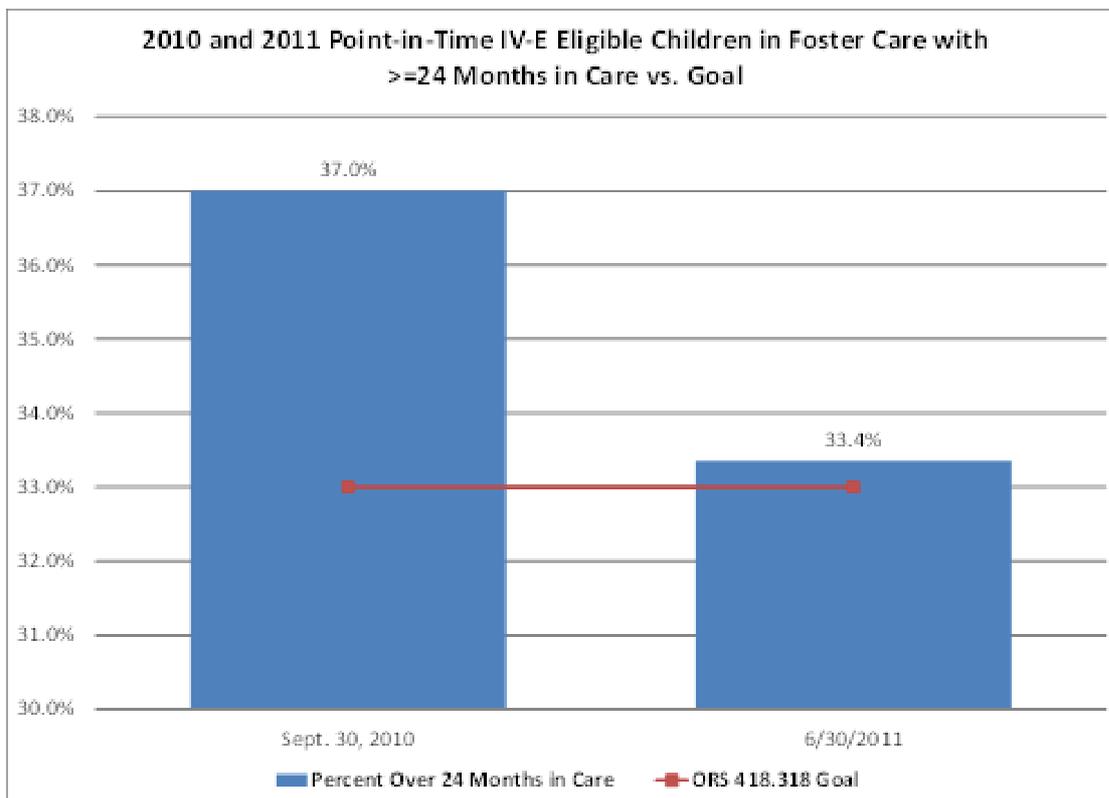
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Report to the Legislature  
ORS 418.319  
Goal Regarding Placed Children Receiving Federal Assistance  
April 9, 2013

The Department of Human Services is submitting a report to the Legislature as required by ORS 418.319. The law sets a goal for the department to have no more than 33 percent of Title IV-E Eligible foster children with lengths of stay over 24 months in foster care.

This report relates to children in the department's child foster care program. For the two periods shown, Oregon has improved performance on this measure. On the last day of September 2010, data reflects 37 percent of Title IV-E eligible foster children were in care for 24 or more months. By June 30, 2011, this percent dropped to 33.4 percent. This recent performance is 0.4 percentage points higher than the goal of 33.0 percent or less.



The department plans to continue to work toward achieving this goal outlined by the Legislature to reduce the length of time children are in foster care.

The department continues to have a strategic focus on the goals to:

- Protect children and promote children's safety in their homes.
- Help children who are unable to live safely in their homes live in settings that provide safety, stability and continuity with their families.
- Expand program partnerships and increase the cultural competency of DHS staff and partners to better serve Oregon's diverse communities.
- Prevent the current and future need for additional high end services.
- Mitigate trauma.

If you are interested in more data or dialogue regarding this report please feel free to contact Maurita Johnson, Deputy Director, DHS Office of Child Welfare Services at 503-947-1135 or [Maurita.johnson@state.or.us](mailto:Maurita.johnson@state.or.us) and we would be happy to provide more information.