

~~ADMINISTRATION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES, AND THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES.~~

(3) "LEAD AGENCY" MEANS THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES.

(4) (I) "OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT" MEANS:

1. THE REMOVAL OF A CHILD FROM THE CHILD'S FAMILY;  
AND

2. THE PLACEMENT OF THE CHILD BY AN AUTHORIZED AGENCY OR COURT IN A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE FACILITY OR WITH OTHER PERSONS WHO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DAILY CARE, SUPERVISION, TREATMENT, AND EDUCATION OF THE CHILD.

(II) "OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT" INCLUDES FOSTER CARE, RESIDENTIAL GROUP CARE, RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CARE, A RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITY, AND A PRIVATE THERAPEUTIC GROUP HOME LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES OR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES.

(III) "OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT" DOES NOT INCLUDE KINSHIP CARE.

(5) "SYSTEM FOR OUTCOMES EVALUATION" MEANS AN OBJECTIVE, AND STANDARDIZED, AND UNIFORM METHOD OF MEASURING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PROGRAMS SERVING THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT.

(B) (1) ~~THE LEAD AGENCY AND THE COOPERATING DEPARTMENTS SHALL DEVELOP A SYSTEM FOR OUTCOMES EVALUATION.~~

(2) THE LEAD AGENCY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DETERMINING THE COST OF TESTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE SYSTEM FOR OUTCOMES EVALUATION.

(3) (2) THE SYSTEM FOR OUTCOMES EVALUATION SHALL BE DEVELOPED PLANNED TO ALLOW THE STATE TO:

(I) MONITOR THE CARE, SUPERVISION, EDUCATION, AND TREATMENT IN STATE-OPERATED AND STATE-SUPPORTED PROGRAMS SO THAT SUCCESSFUL SERVICES TO CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT CAN BE EXPANDED AND SERVICES THAT DO NOT PRODUCE POSITIVE RESULTS CAN BE IDENTIFIED;

(II) EVALUATE THE OUTCOMES OF THE CHILDREN AT 6 MONTH AND 12 MONTH INTERVALS FOLLOWING DISCHARGE FROM OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT TO DETERMINE WHICH SERVICES BEST ENABLED THE CHILDREN TO MAINTAIN HEALTHY FUNCTIONING IN THEIR COMMUNITY; AND ASSESS THE CAPACITY OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF A CHILD REQUIRING OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT IN THE CHILD'S COMMUNITY;