

STATE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & FAMILIES

II. KEY MEASURE ANALYSIS

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KPM #42300-1	HEALTHY START PARTICIPANTS To have the incidence rate of child maltreatment lower for children, aged 0 – 2 years, participating in Healthy Start than for non-served families in the same counties.	Measure since: 1999
Goal	This KPM links to the OCCF's goal to "fund services that promote positive outcomes for children and their families consistent with the local plan."	
Oregon Context	Reduce Child Maltreatment [OBM 50], Improve Readiness to Learn [OBM 18]	
Data source	NPC Research and Evaluation	
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1. OUR STRATEGY

The goal of the performance measure is to reduce the rate of child maltreatment in order to promote positive outcomes for children and their families in the state of Oregon. The strategy is to implement best practice programming with regard to the reduction of child maltreatment while addressing local needs and resources. Partners include the Partners for Children and Families, local providers, local and state agencies and community organizations.

2. ABOUT THE TARGETS

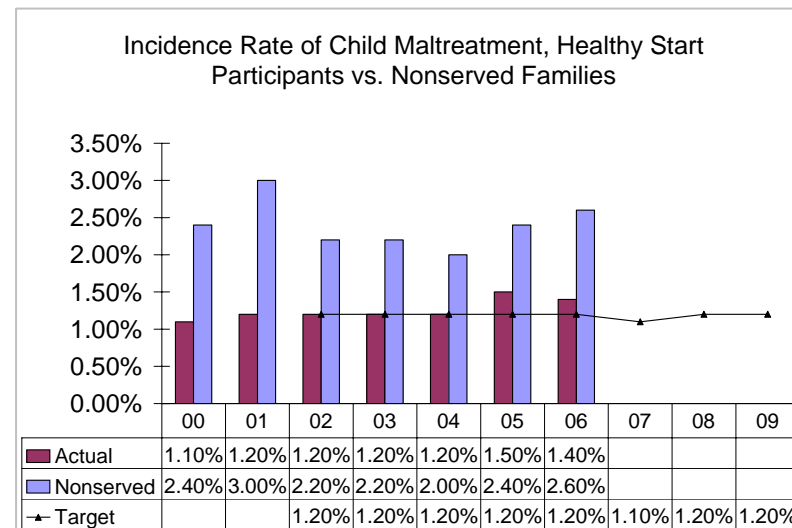
The targets were set in consultation with our researchers at rates which would be lower than that of the general population while still maintaining tangible goals for local providers and partners. The desired direction is down.

3. HOW WE ARE DOING

There results have been above the target rates for 05 and 06. The results are moving back in the direction of the target range. Despite rates slightly higher than the target rates, the increases in nonserved maltreatment rates over the last two years has been greater than the increase in served populations.

4. HOW WE COMPARE

In comparison to families not enrolled in the Healthy Start program, those who participate in the program have a rate of child maltreatment that is lower. During the comparison of participants versus non participants it is important to also note that Healthy Start families are already defined as high risk families for maltreatment. Consequently, the results demonstrate that higher risk families have a lower child maltreatment rate than the general population.



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5. FACTORS AFFECTING RESULTS

One of the major factors affecting the 2005 – 2007 results has been the methamphetamine epidemic across the state of Oregon. This, along with other environmental factors, has increased the rate of child maltreatment for both the general population as well as families being served in Healthy Start. Overall, the data indicates that children served by Healthy Start had a lower victimization rate than nonserved children similar to prior years despite the increase in substantiated abuse reports throughout the state.

6. WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

The most pressing issue to be addressed by program staff and data analysts is the increase in general maltreatment rates and the factors affecting those increases. A better assessment of how child maltreatment is changing, whether this is a long term trend or a short term reaction, and an examination of current program operations to proactively address new issues affecting maltreatment will help the Healthy Start program adjust for the future.

7. ABOUT THE DATA

The reporting cycle for the performance measure is the Oregon Fiscal year. The data is collected by a research firm, then compiled and analyzed in collaboration with the agency. Each year a report is issued and distributed to interested parties. To receive more information or additional data please contact the primary contact on this report or visit the agency website.