

2015 County Performance Thresholds

Background

During the 2013 legislative session, the Minnesota Legislature established a performance management system for essential human services that included outcomes, initial performance measures, and thresholds; the mission being to improve outcomes for people.

How will thresholds be used?

Thresholds will be used to determine when a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) is needed. Beginning in June 2015, counties will be made aware that they are required to submit a PIP at the same time that data for a particular measure becomes available.

What are thresholds?

Current thresholds for the Performance Management system are shown below in Table 1:

Table 1: 2015 Performance Management System performance thresholds

Measure	Threshold	Standard
Outcome 1: Adults and children are safe and secure		
Percent of children with a maltreatment determination who do not experience a repeat maltreatment determination within six months.....	94.7%	94.7%
Percent of vulnerable adults with a substantiated or inconclusive maltreatment allegation who do not experience a subsequent substantiated or inconclusive maltreatment allegation within six months.....	TBD	TBD
Outcome 2: Children have stability in their living situation		
Percent of current child support paid.....	Historical	80%
Percent of children discharged from out-of-home placement to reunification who were reunified within 12 months.....	75.2%	75.2%
Outcome 3: Children have the opportunity to develop to their fullest potential		
Percent of children in family foster care that were placed with relatives.....	20.9%	45.0%
Percent of open child support cases with paternity.....	90%	90%
Outcome 4: People are economically secure		
Percent of expedited Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) applications processed within one business day.....	55%	83%
Percent of SNAP and cash assistance applications processed timely.....	75%	90%
Percent of open child support cases with an order established.....	80%	80%
Minnesota Family Investment Program/Diversionsary Work Program Self-Support Index.....	Within range of expected performance	Above range of expected performance

How will this work in 2015?

Counties will be held accountable for the Child Safety and Permanency and cash and food assistance measures in June 2015. Counties below thresholds will need to complete PIP's.