

**NORTH CAROLINA'S COUNTY-LEVEL CFSR: OUTCOMES AND PERFORMANCE**  
**Dec. 1, 2003 – June 30, 2005**

Eighty-one counties were reviewed during this time period. As directed by its federal Program Improvement Plan, North Carolina reviewed Mecklenburg County four times during this time span.

**Safety Outcome 1:** Children are first and foremost protected from abuse and neglect.

- Item 1. Timeliness of initiating reports of maltreatment
- Item 2. Repeat maltreatment

*Counties in substantial conformity for this outcome: 55%*

**Safety Outcome 2:** Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate.

- Item 3. Services to the family to protect children in the home and prevent removal
- Item 4. Risk of harm to children

*Counties in substantial conformity for this outcome: 43%*

**Permanency Outcome 1:** Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.

- Item 5. Foster care re-entries
- Item 6. Stability of foster care placement
- Item 7. Permanency goal for child
- Item 8. Reunification, guardianship, or permanent placement with relatives
- Item 9. Adoption
- Item 10. Permanency goal of other planned permanent living arrangement

*Counties in substantial conformity for this outcome: 76%*

**Permanency Outcome 2:** The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children.

- Item 11. Proximity of foster care placement
- Item 12. Placement with siblings
- Item 13. Visiting with parents and siblings in foster care
- Item 14. Preserving connections
- Item 15. Relative placement
- Item 16. Relationship of child in care with parents

*Counties in substantial conformity for this outcome: 98%*

**Well-Being Outcome 1:** Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.

- Item 17. Needs and services of child, parents, and foster parents
- Item 18. Child and family involvement in case planning
- Item 19. Worker visits with child
- Item 20. Worker visits with parent(s)

*Counties in substantial conformity for this outcome: 63%*

**Well-Being Outcome 2:** Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs.

- Item 21. Educational needs of the child

*Counties in substantial conformity for this outcome: 94%*

**Well-Being Outcome 3:** Children receive adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs.

- Item 22. Physical health of the child
- Item 23. Mental health of the child

*Counties in substantial conformity for this outcome: 86%*