

Q4 FY 2017 Program Report Card: Reunification and Therapeutic Family Time (RTFT), DCF

Quality of Life Result: Connecticut children grow up stable, safe, healthy, and ready to lead successful lives

Contribution to the Result: Reunification and Therapeutic Family Time is a program that began implementation in January 2015. RTFT has (3) service types Reunification Readiness Assessment, Reunification and Therapeutic Family Time. These services are designed for families with children (birth to age 17) who were removed from their homes due to protective service concerns. RTFT is contracted to provide services to between 643-708 families annually.

The program was implemented late 2014/early 2015 and current data collection comes manually through providers via a standardized data collection tool. PIE development became effective 9/1/16 and providers were requested to enter data for any active cases in RTFT on 7/1/16.

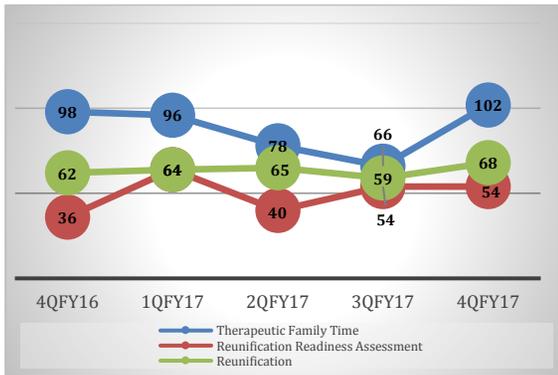
Program Expenditures	State Funding	Federal Funding	Other	Total Funding
Actual Expenses FY 2015	\$3,001,299	\$777,879	\$29,798	\$3,808,976
Actual Expenses FY 2016	\$4,551,238	\$1,173,248	\$77,309	\$5,801,795
Estimated Expenses FY 2017	\$4,626,238	\$1,173,248	\$138,686	\$5,938,172

Partners: DCF, Families, Resource Parents, Community Social Service Agencies.

Data Pull: 7/21/17

How Much Did We Do?

The number of new families enrolled by service type since Q4 FY 2016



Story behind the baseline:

In Q4 FY17, a total of 224 new families were served thru RTFT, slightly higher compared to last year and an increase of 25% since Q3. There were a total of 318 children admitted during Q4 and most were admitted into TFT Only (n=137) followed by admissions into Reunification (n=100). The largest age group served were the 0-3 year olds (n=139).

Overall, RTFT has admitted 1,576 families for services in the last fiscal year, a 117% increase from last fiscal year (n=729).

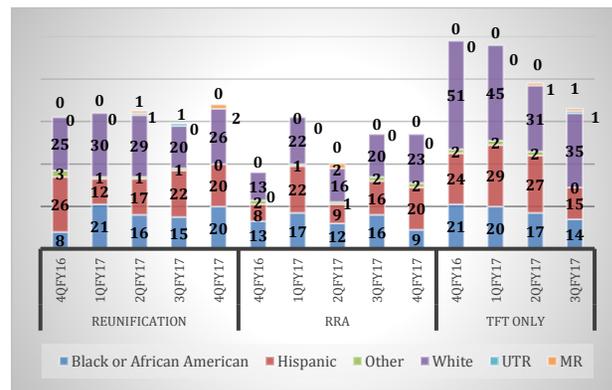
It should be noted that caregivers who are involved in multiple service types with multiple children (e.g. Tft Only with Child 1 and RRA with Child 2) have limitations within PIE that allows caregivers to only have episode open at a time.

Trend: ▲

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How Much Did We Do?

The number of new families enrolled by service type and by race since Q4 FY 16



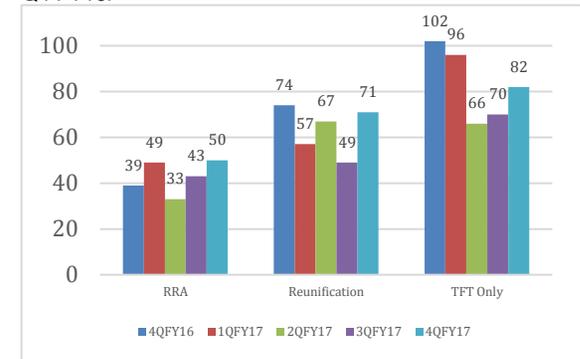
Story behind the baseline: In comparison to previous quarters, Hispanic families experienced a 38% increase and White families a 27% increase in admissions. The rate of admissions for Black families has remained the same across the last three quarters. Black families experienced an increase in admissions in the Reunification and Tft Only service. Hispanic and White families experienced an increase in admissions into the Reunification Readiness Assessment and Tft Only services.

Trend: ▲

Trend Going in Right Direction? ▲ Yes; ▼ No; ◀▶ Flat/ No Trend

How Well Did We Do It?

The number of families discharged by service type since Q4 FY 16.



Story behind the baseline: During Q4 FY17, there were 203 families discharged from RTFT. In comparison to the previous quarters, all three services experienced an increase in discharges.

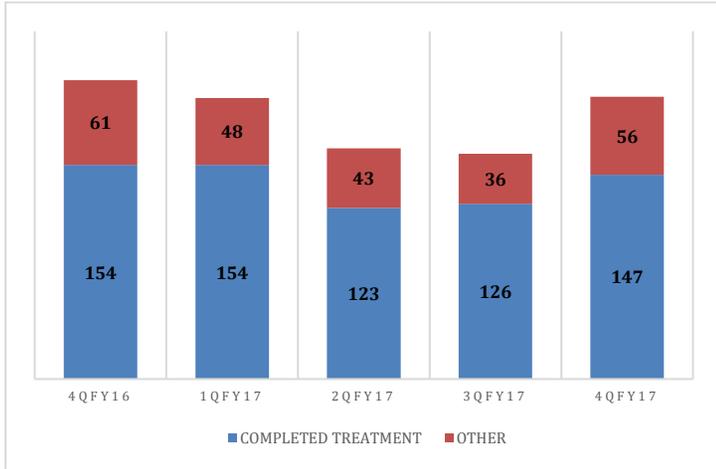
Trend: ▲

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How Well Did We Do It?

The number of families discharged by discharge reason since Q4 FY16



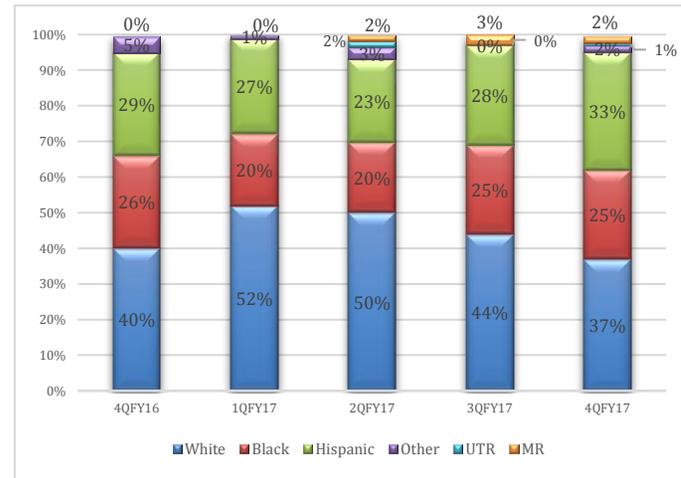
Story behind the baseline: In Q4 FY17, 72% of families discharged as Completed Treatment, slightly lower than the previous quarter (78%). Overall, in the last fiscal year the average percentage of families discharged as having completed treatment has been 75%

The discharges reflected in PIE support that RTFT providers appear to be successfully engaging families in all service types as evidenced by the low number of families discontinuing services.

Trend: ◀▶

How Well Did We Do It?

The percentage of families discharged by race Q4 FY16



Story behind the baseline:

There were a total of 203 discharges during Q4 FY17.

In comparing previous quarters, Hispanic families experienced an increase in discharges, while White families experienced a decrease. Black families have maintained steady rates of discharge across previous quarters.

Trend: ◀▶

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The number of children whose families completed reunification services who remain safely with their family six months following closure is defined by no new substantiation or no new entries into DCF care.

Chart #1:

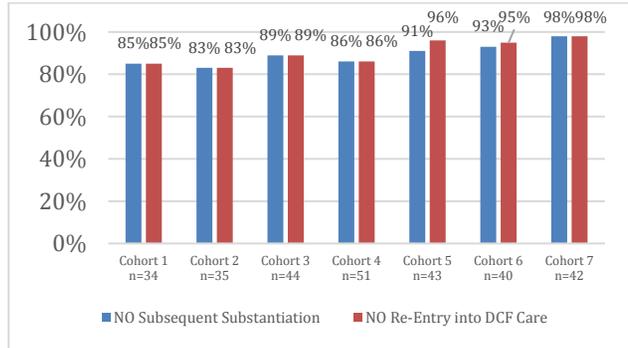
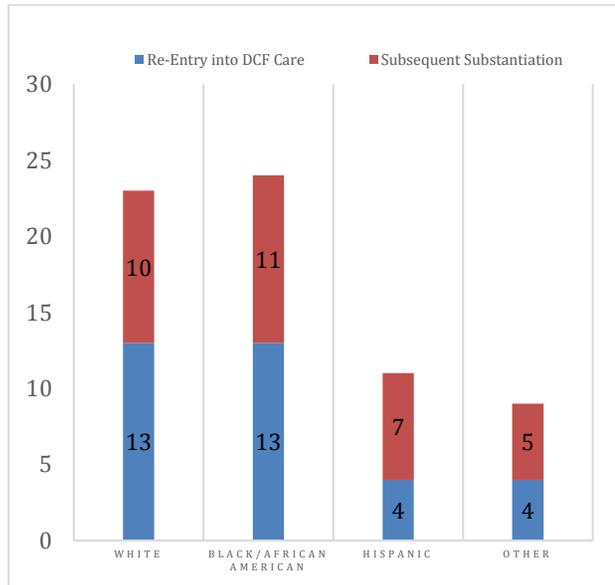


Chart #2:



Story behind the baseline: Although there is no formal report available to measure this performance measure, families are being tracked informally. Overall, families reunifying through the RTFT program are showing significant stability post service closure

in that they have experienced low percentages of placements and substantiations.

- Cohort 1 is made up of 34 families who completed Reunification services between July 1, 2015 and September 30, 2015, and
- Cohort 2 is made up of 36 families who completed Reunification services between October 1 and December 31, 2015.
- Cohort 3 is made up of 44 families who completed Reunification services between January 1, 2016 to March 31, 2016.
- Cohort 4 is made up of 51 families who completed Reunification services between April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016.
- Cohort 5 is made up of 55 families who completed reunification services between July 1, 2016 and September 30, 2016. As of January 2017,
- Cohort 6 is made up of 42 families who completed reunification services between October 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016.
- Cohort 7 is made up of 42 families who completed reunification services between January 1, 2017 and March 31, 2017.
- Cohort 8 is made up of 52 families who completed reunification services between April 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017.

Data Development Agenda:

- Automated data reports are needed for the Better Off outcome measures related to time to reunification, subsequent maltreatment and re-entry.

Chart #1 demonstrates the current rates for each cohort of families who have not had a substantiation or experienced their children's re-entry into care post service closure. Each family is being monitored on a quarterly basis and it should be noted that most families in Cohort 1 have reached their two-year mark since service closure.

Chart #2 demonstrates the number of families who have experienced a substantiation or child re-entry by race. There is a disproportionate rate of substantiations and re-entry for Black families compared to other families discharged from RTFT. Substance use relapse and physical neglect (judgment/supervision) and mental health issues attribute to the majority of the repeat maltreatment and re-entries.

Trend: ▲

Proposed Actions to Turn the Curve:

- Ongoing PIE report monitoring is needed by providers to ensure that families are being discharged from PIE in a timely manner.

Trend Going in Right Direction? ▲ Yes; ▼ No; ◀▶ Flat/ No Trend