



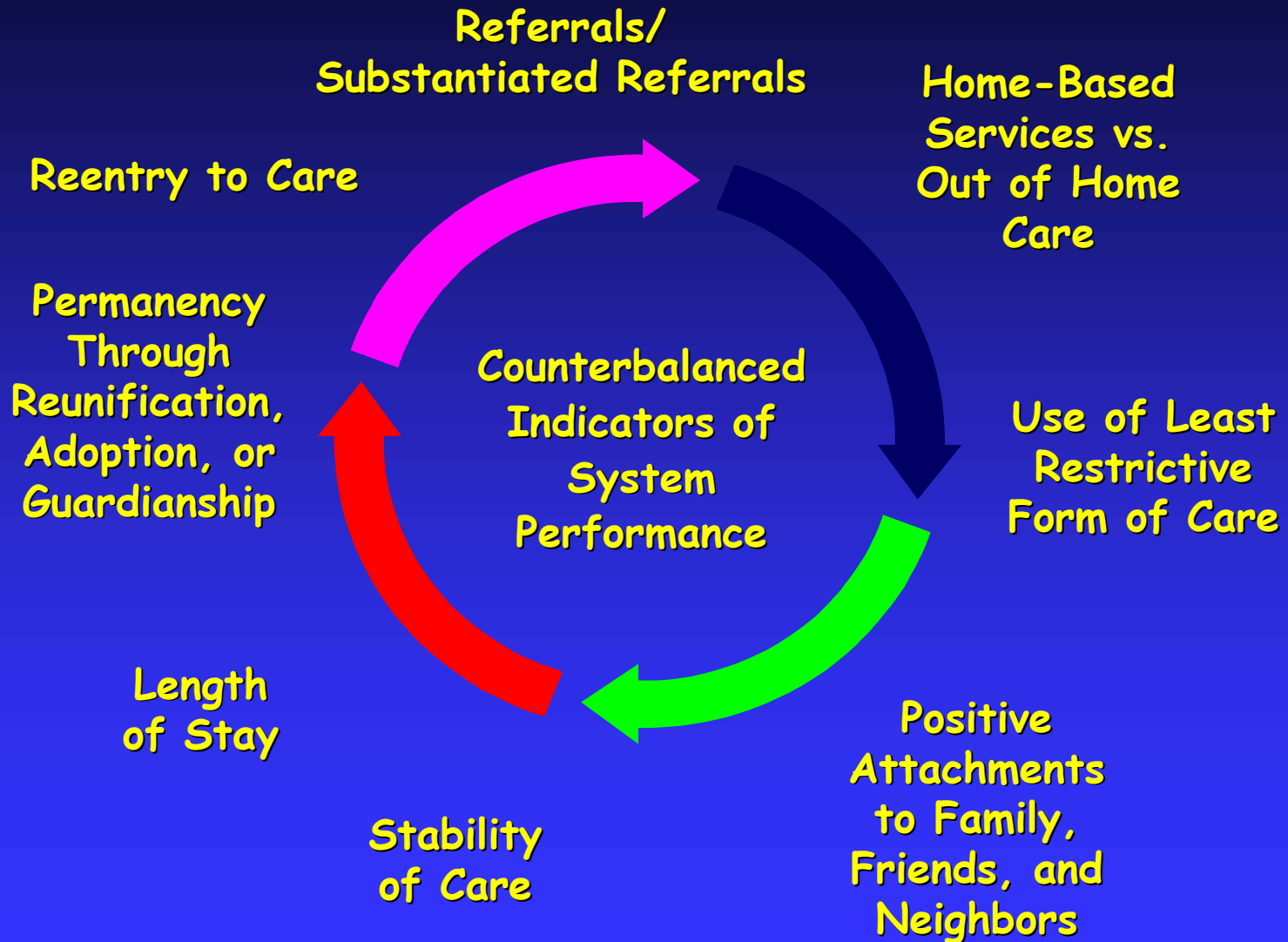
Child Welfare Administrative Data: The UCB Performance Indicators Project

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Tracking Child Welfare Outcomes (AB636, Family to Family)



Source: Usher, C.L., Wildfire, J.B., Gogan, H.C. & Brown, E.L. (2002). *Measuring Outcomes in Child Welfare*. Chapel Hill: Jordan Institute for Families.

AB 636

- California Child Welfare System Improvement and Accountability Act (AB636) became law in 2001 and went into effect in January 2004
- Includes federal measures ☹️ , but also uses fully longitudinal data to provide additional measures needed to understand performance (e.g., entry cohort measures) 😊
- Mirrors Family to Family Outcomes
- Retains key process measures (e.g., child visits, time to investigation)
- Began with county self assessments and System Improvement Plans (SIPS) that identified key challenges and strengths
- Peer Quality Case Reviews (PQCRs) are being conducted in each county to dig deeper into specific issues





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- Quarterly data dumps from *CWSCMS* of 100+ SAS tables, each of which can be linked to at least one other table (relational database)
- Data reconfigured into a longitudinal format in 3 primary files for analyses
 - *UCB_REF*: child allegation level
 - *UCB_CASE*: case service component level
 - *UCB_FC*: foster care placement level
- Other data can be accessed from raw tables using *SAS SQL*
- http://cssr.berkeley.edu/archive/Data_Catalog/cws_metadata.html



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- Many queries are run quarterly and posted
- Primarily outcome focused (AB636 +)
- State and County Level
 - Age, race/ethnicity/gender breakouts
 - Key rates per 1000 in child population
 - **Datadude** tool for easy extraction of measures over time
 - Presentations (statewide data) posted and can be easily adapted with county data
 - Maps (zip codes, removals and placements, etc.)



**Child Welfare Services (CWS/CMS) Reports
Performance Indicators Project**
Timely and useful data about children in the California Child Welfare System
funded by *CSSS* and the *Stuart Foundation*

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(Performance Indicators)

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Make sure to note the data source of the reports you are using, since data may be updated quarterly, bi-annually, or annually.

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HELPFUL DATA VIEWS:

Ethnicity and Path Through the Child Welfare System:

(To save the files to your computer, right-click on the links and then click "Save Target As".)
Click here for a downloadable powerpoint on ethnicity (disproportionality) and the child welfare system in California-- You can save and make county specific slides using the links and instructions provided--make a copy of each slide and then double click on each graph in Normal View to bring up the corresponding data table where you can fill in county level data.

C-CFSR Relevant Links:

An index of all of the CWS/CMS reports that are relevant to California-Child and Family Services Review (C-CFSR). Links also indicate Outcome measure numbers for your reference.

Reports by COUNTY:

Find links to all reports for your county.

Family to Family Outcomes Links:

An index of all of the CWS/CMS reports that are relevant to Family to Family outcome data.



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FOSTER CARE ENTRY COHORTS

First Entries to Care

(data: Quarter 2, 2004, unless otherwise stated*)

- [Methodology](#)

These reports are derived from a longitudinal database of all children who entered child welfare-supervised foster care for the first time.

IMPORTANT: The "4 days or less" tables are based on the actual first placement episode, whereas the "5 days or more tables" are based on the first placement episode of 5 days or more even if it is not the first actual episode.

SUMMARY Tables:

Time Period:

Jul 2004 - Jun 2005

Category:

by First Placement Type

Tables by COUNTY:

Time Period:

Jul 2004 - Jun 2005

Category:

by Ethnicity

Number of Days in Care:

 4 days or less¹
 5 days or more²

State / County:

California ¹Based on the actual first placement episode.²Based on the first placement episode of **5 days or more** even if it is not the first actual episode.

- [First Entries to Care Highlights](#) January 2005 (Printer-friendly PDF)

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**July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 First Entries to Foster Care by First Placement Type
(Children in Care 5 Days or More)**

Summary

COUNTY	Kinship		Foster		FFA		Court Specified Home		Group		Shelter		Guardian		Other		MISSING	TOTAL
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%		
California	5,086	18.4	7,266	26.3	10,301	37.3	42	0.2	2,424	8.8	2,007	7.3	461	1.7	0	0.0	728	28,315
Alameda	45	5.6	158	19.8	503	63.0	0	0.0	74	9.3	5	0.6	14	1.8	0	0.0	15	814
Alpine	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
Amador	0	0.0	6	26.1	16	69.6	0	0.0	1	4.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	23
Butte	2	0.6	93	26.1	240	67.2	0	0.0	1	0.3	18	5.0	3	0.8	0	0.0	0	357
Calaveras	3	6.5	2	4.3	39	84.8	0	0.0	1	2.2	0	0.0	1	2.2	0	0.0	0	46
Colusa	4	10.8	0	0.0	33	89.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	37
Contra Costa	82	13.6	390	64.5	66	10.9	0	0.0	41	6.8	0	0.0	26	4.3	0	0.0	0	605
Del Norte	3	4.4	50	73.5	15	22.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	68
El Dorado	22	16.4	37	27.6	56	41.8	0	0.0	18	13.4	0	0.0	1	0.7	0	0.0	0	134
Fresno	17	3.1	189	34.4	194	35.3	1	0.2	126	23.0	10	1.8	12	2.2	0	0.0	1	550
Glenn	1	2.0	44	86.3	6	11.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	51
Humboldt	23	22.1	28	26.9	10	9.6	0	0.0	12	11.5	13	12.5	18	17.3	0	0.0	0	104
Imperial	3	2.3	6	4.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.5	120	91.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	131
Inyo	0	0.0	6	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	6
Kern	93	10.0	660	70.7	128	13.7	1	0.1	15	1.6	24	2.6	13	1.4	0	0.0	66	1,000
Kings	45	29.6	91	59.9	16	10.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	152
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First Entries to Foster Care by Ethnic Group and Entry Year (Children in Care 5 Days or More)

California

	July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005	
	n	%
Black	4,948	17.6
White	8,313	29.6
Hispanic	13,528	48.2
Asian/Oth.	947	3.4
Nat Amer	312	1.1
Missing	267	.
Total	28,315	100.0

Based on the first placement episode of 5 days or more even if it is not the first actual episode.
Data Source: CWS/CMS 2005 Quarter 2 Extract.

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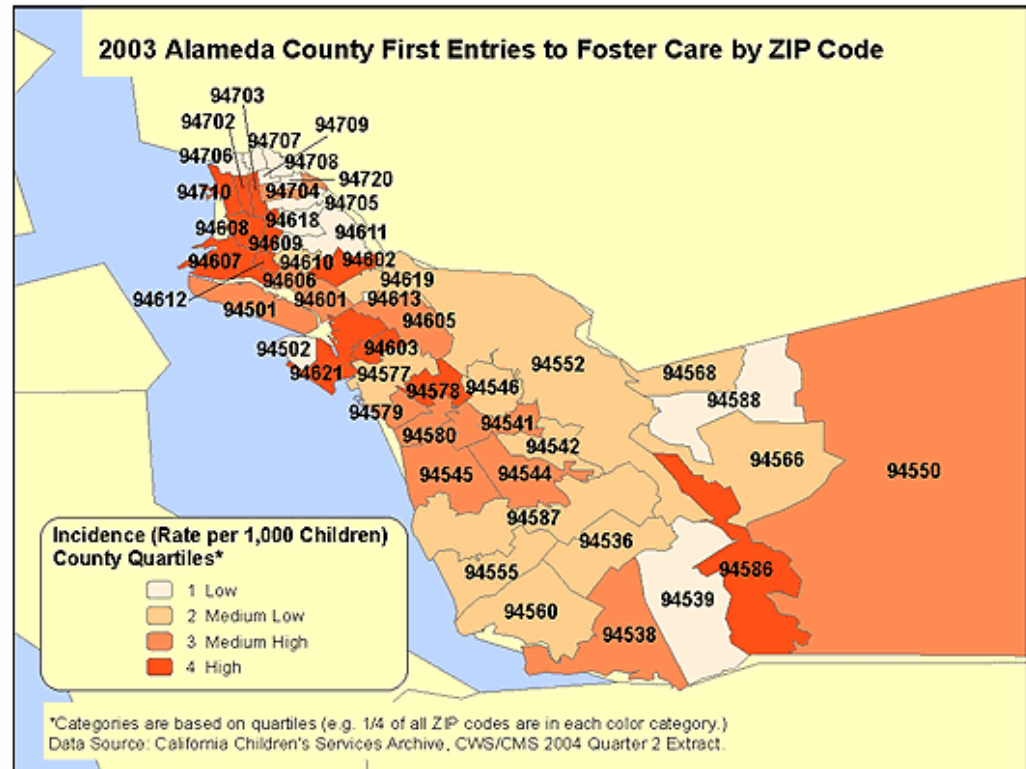
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Map: First Entries Rates

(data: Quarter 2, 2004)

Alameda County - Zip Code level

[View corresponding census tract map](#)



EBP? Immediate Use of UCB Website

Undergraduate and MSW students could be introduced to the California Child Welfare System Improvement and Accountability Act (AB636) using the UCB Website.

Website could be source of data for MSW projects (county as unit of analysis)

IV-E students could enter the workforce with an understanding of data and performance measurement, and go to work in a county with some knowledge of its strengths and challenges (both as interns and graduates).



EBP? Immediate Use of UCB Website

Administrative data are the "evidence".

Administrative data tells you "what" not "why".

These data can be used to guide the design of qualitative studies (agency/university collaboration).

What are challenges identified in the SIPS?

Why are we seeing these outcomes?

What changes in policy and practice are needed?



EBP? Planned Changes to Website

During the coming year, we will be moving to a more dynamic design, to allow queries "on the fly" (e.g., age by race by gender) so that the user will not be restricted to static tables.



EBP? Exploring Data Linkage

Administrative data are the "evidence".

- Examine performance over time for specific individuals, comparison group, etc.

*Example: UCB/UCLA CWSCMS--CalTOP linkage
(funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation)*

- Linkage of CWS/CMS administrative data with other administrative data (e.g., EDD).

*Example: UCB/UNC/Urban Institute --Employment Outcomes Study
(funded by Department of Health and Human Services)*

Note: (These types of research require an understanding of the raw data, agency approvals, state and university CPHS approvals, etc.)



EBP? Possible Future Use

Limited Use Child Welfare Databases?

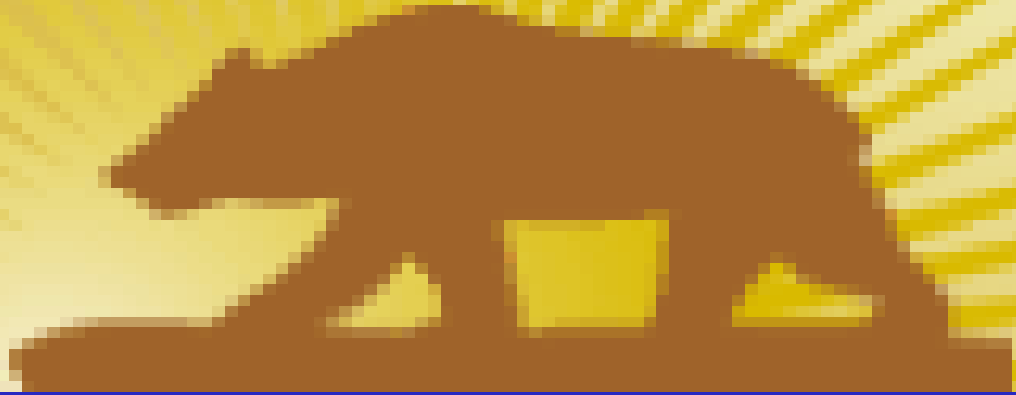
A deidentified set of analysis files and documentation so that deeper analysis could be by researchers who do not have access to the raw data. Multivariate analyses of outcomes, etc. could be examined this way.

(Just an idea at this point but could be explored if there is interest.)





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