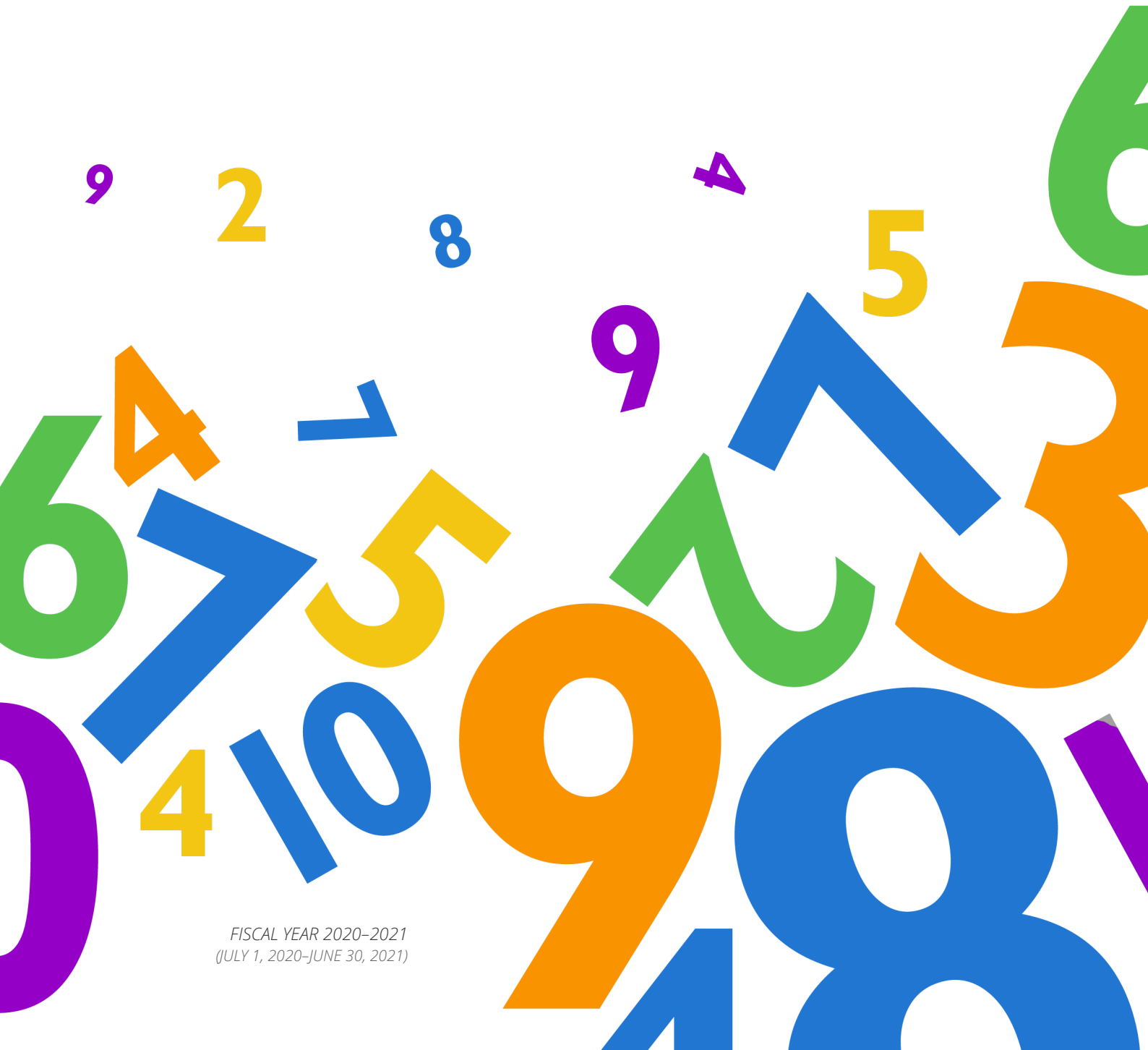


IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
COMMUNITY UMBRELLA AGENCY SCORECARD



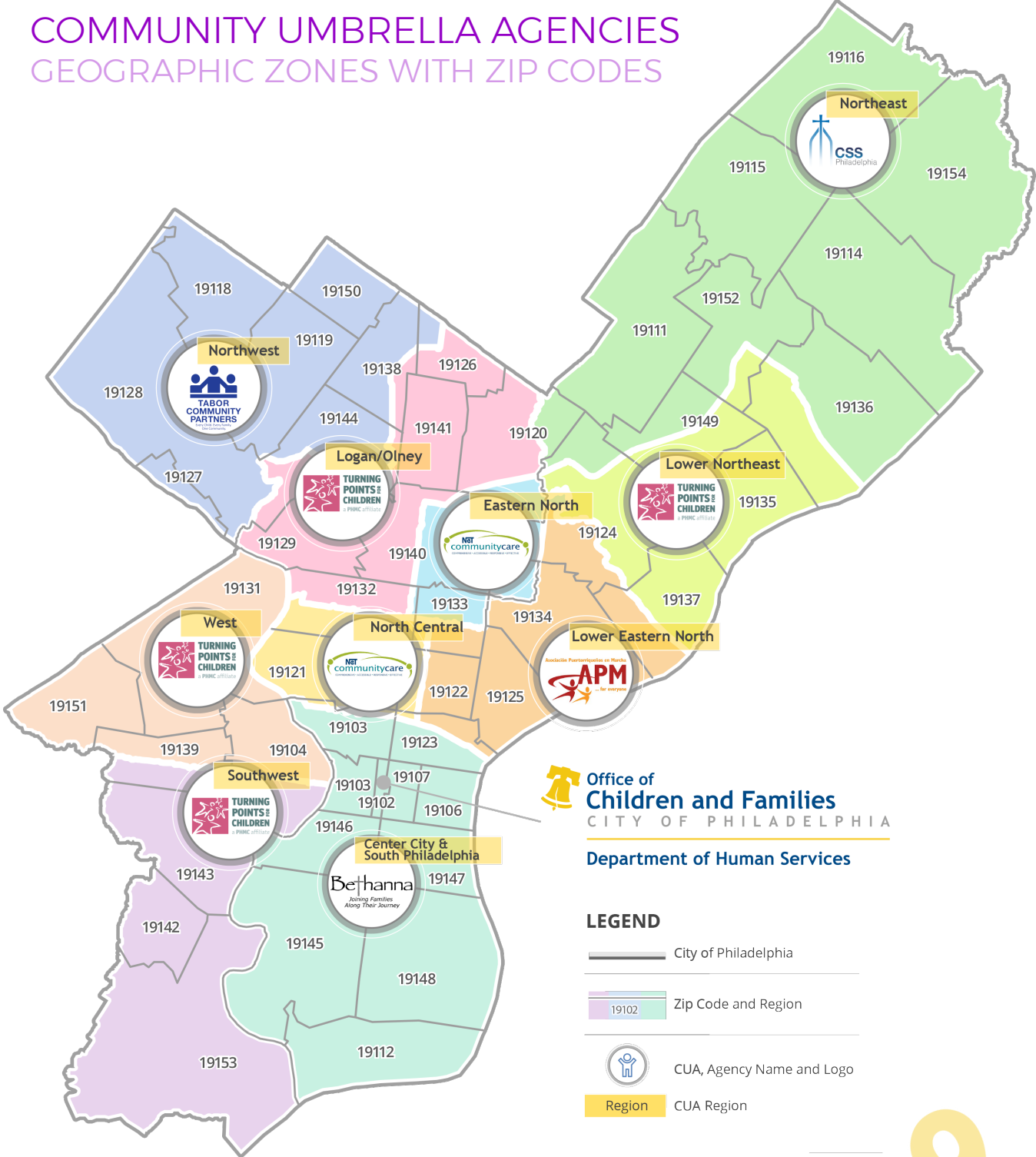
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(JULY 1, 2020–JUNE 30, 2021)

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FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Dear Friend,

The Philadelphia Department of Human Services (DHS) publishes the CUA Scorecard annually. The information found in this annual publication helps to promote transparency, accountability, and commitment in our work to serve Philadelphia children and youth who have been impacted by abuse or neglect.

Keeping children safe and supporting families will always be our top priority at DHS. This is not the responsibility of any single agency, but rather is a shared community concern. It requires collaboration. Over the last few years, we have built strong relationships with our Community Umbrella Agencies (CUAs). Together, we have stayed focused on creating better outcomes for children and families.

Throughout the year, CUAs receive ongoing consultation with DHS, meet biannually to review data, and share best practices. This dynamic process provides this partnership with real-time support to improve quality at every level. Through our intentional efforts we continue to see great progress. I am thrilled to share that nine out of the 10 CUAs earned four and five bells (the highest number). One CUA received three bells.

The improvements show that despite COVID-19's devastating effects, we have remained focused. We continue to connect families to the support services they need to thrive and maintain their well-being. As more families receive prevention services and more children remain safely in their homes, I am confident that we will continue to right-size the system. I am excited about what this year will bring!

In Service,

Kimberly Ali
Commissioner

ABOUT IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Improving Outcomes for Children (IOC) is Philadelphia's delivery of child welfare, juvenile justice, and child abuse prevention services. We believe that a community neighborhood approach to services will have a positive impact on child and family safety and well-being. We deliver community-based case management services via our partnerships with CUAs.

Our vision is that fewer children become DHS involved. And that families receive services that are the best fit. IOC utilizes four goals to make this vision a reality:

- **More children and youth are safely in their own homes and communities.**
With prevention, child welfare, and juvenile justice services based in the community, children and youth can maintain connections to what they know or work to restore those relationships.
- **More children and youth are reunified more quickly or achieve other permanency.**
If children must be removed from their home of origin, we work to reunify the family as soon as it is safe. When reunification is not possible, adoption or permanent legal custodianship may help the child or youth find a permanent home.
- **Congregate (residential) care is safely reduced.**
Use of congregate care should be limited to children and youth with complex physical and behavioral health challenges. For youth in the juvenile justice system, community-based programs are available so that they can live with their families.
- **Improved children, youth, and family functioning.**
Sometimes families need support to live together safely. We invest in many programs to help children, youth, and families become their best selves, including support for parents to reunify more quickly with their children.

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RIGHT-SIZING PHILADELPHIA'S CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

Since 2016, Philadelphia DHS has made it a priority to right-size the system. This means we work to ensure families receive the best fit for services. And that children are reunified in a safe and timely way—or have another permanent home. Our efforts are working. There are 1,700 fewer children in out-of-home placements now than there were in 2016.

Fundamental to our work is the belief that children deserve to live with their own family and in their own communities. When children cannot safely reside in their own home, it is our driving mission to find “kin” who are able to provide a safe and loving home. DHS uses a broad definition of “kin”—this can be grandparents, aunts, uncles, family friends, or even a sports coach or teacher. Federal statistics show that 32 percent of all children in foster care are in kinship care. We are well above the national benchmark, as more than 51 percent of children in Philadelphia foster care live with kin.

There are times when reunification or kinship cannot be achieved. In these circumstances, DHS explores other types of permanency for children such as permanent legal custodianship and adoption.

For youth in both child welfare and juvenile justice systems, we aim to reduce the use of congregate (residential) placements. Since 2016, the number of youth in dependent (child welfare) congregate care settings has dropped 60 percent. For youth in juvenile justice, there has been an 87 percent decrease in the total number of youth in congregate care settings since 2016.

By addressing these issues, we will continue to right-size Philadelphia's child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

ABOUT THE CUA SCORECARD

Why?

The CUA Scorecard recognizes areas in which CUAs are doing well and identifies areas for improvement. It helps identify where CUAs need additional support and technical assistance. The CUA Scorecard reflects our commitment to transparency as the best way to provide accountability, to learn and grow as government and providers, and to continue improving outcomes for children, youth, and families receiving child welfare services.

What?

The CUA Scorecard measures quality of service to ensure that children and youth are safe in their homes, and if in our care that they receive the necessary services and are safe and well cared for. It also measures progress on reunification or other permanency efforts. Many of the activities measured relate to specific federal and state mandates that focus on improving outcomes for children, youth, and families.

How?

DHS reviews over 2,000 CUA case files a year. A Comprehensive Case-File Review Tool is used to ensure consistent and methodologically sound results. DHS uses CUA administrative data to assess permanency, visitation, finance, and case manager retention.

ONGOING ACCOUNTABILITY

DHS regularly meets with the CUAs to determine future focus points and strategic next steps. During these consultations, an Accountability Plan is developed to ensure everyone involved stays on track. The sessions also provide the providers an opportunity to celebrate accomplishments and share best practices, while addressing feedback and challenge areas.

CUAs are also required to submit an annual Strategic Plan of Improvement. This tool gives providers the chance to meet specific program goals or ameliorate performance-related concerns.



SUPERIOR

A CUA with five bells meets or exceeds performance expectations and exemplifies best practice. CUAs with five bells share best practices with DHS and other CUAs.



PROFICIENT

A CUA with four bells meets expectations in most areas but has room for improvement. CUAs with four bells share best practices with DHS and other CUAs.



COMPETENT

A CUA with three bells meets basic expectations and needs improvement to demonstrate proficiency or best practice.



UNSATISFACTORY

A CUA with two bells will be placed on probationary status. If the CUA remains at two bells after one year, then DHS will consider transitioning the contract.



CRITICAL

A CUA with one bell needs to improve all levels of practice. DHS conducts an organizational assessment, provides recommendations, and identifies additional technical assistance. If a CUA is unable to improve over a period, CUA and DHS leadership will meet to determine the CUA's ability to continue contracting with DHS to provide child welfare case management.

HOW TO READ THE CUA SCORECARD

Bells

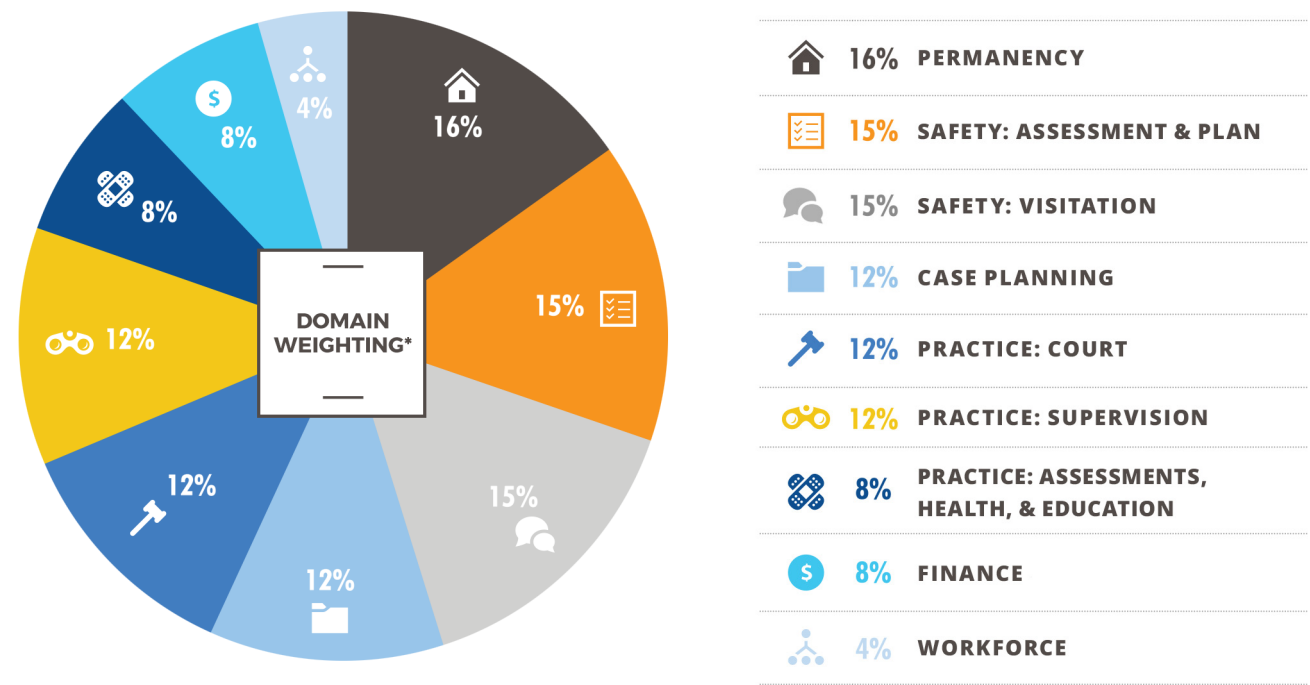
For each metric, CUAs receive a performance rating. These ratings will be displayed as liberty bells with more bells equating to better performance. Overall score is a combination of the scores in all nine domains.

Performance Expectations

Not all metrics on the CUA Scorecard can be measured on the same scale. Therefore, the CUA Scorecard has different performance expectation levels for each metric. For most metrics, a CUA needs to perform at 70 percent or higher to achieve three liberty bells. It is important to note that because these performance levels are based on system expectations, all CUAs could receive the same number of bells, and there is no “curve” that evenly distributes CUAs across bells.

Ranking

CUAs are ranked (1 through 10) based on their overall performance across all domains. In this report, CUAs are in order of their rank, starting with the number one rated CUA. Ranking helps DHS and the CUAs to better understand how CUAs are performing in relation to one another. The ranking also allows DHS and CUAs to identify top performers, learn best practices, and implement these practices across the system. Some CUAs with the same bell levels are ranked differently based on small fractions of points. DHS is focused on change over time, and values individual improvement over ranking.



The CUA Scorecard is based on five “Liberty Bells”

DHS established the CUA Scorecard baseline in fiscal year 2017. The publication gauges individual CUAs and system-wide performance. The CUA Scorecard and Closing the Loop meeting process encourages CUAs to share best practices and promote inter-agency collaboration. It also identifies areas for improvement and technical assistance opportunities.

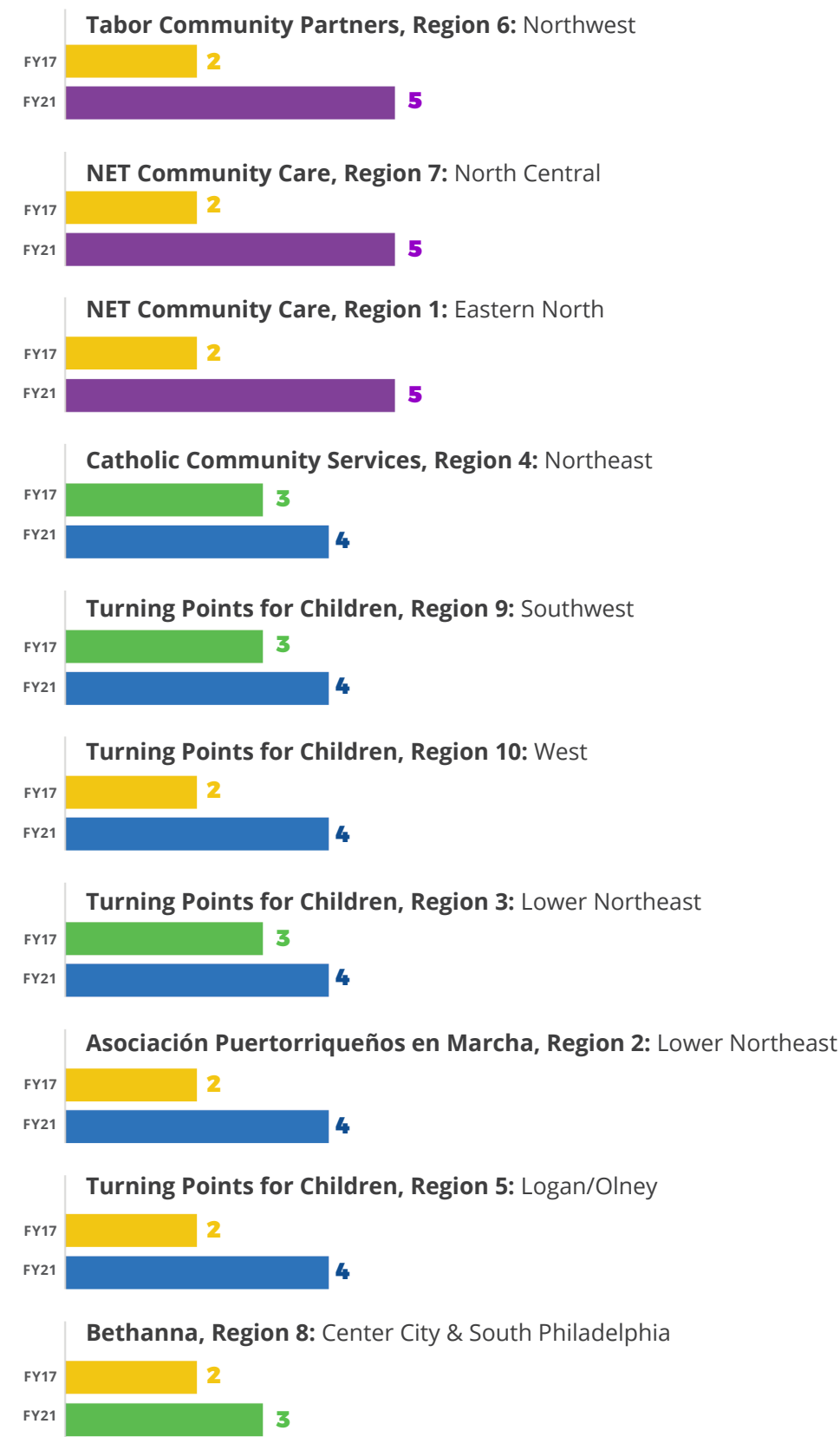
Growth is being measured over time, with monthly leadership and biannual data review meetings to review progress or to adjust technical assistance for problem areas.

In addition, the following actions will be used to ensure ongoing accountability and improvement:

- Targeted and prioritized technical assistance by DHS for any areas below three bells.
- Peer mentoring to encourage sharing of best practices among CUAs with four or five bells.
- Submission of a CUA Plan of Improvement with action steps to the Commissioner within 30 days of the annual CUA Scorecard.
- Specialized trainings.
- Organizational assessments for CUAs with one and two bells. This process is led by DHS to facilitate major practice and management change.
- Biannual Closing the Loop meeting with DHS to assess key data points and strategize improvement efforts.

Scores show CUA improvement over time

The chart below compares each CUA's overall bells from fiscal year 2017 (the baseline year of data) to fiscal year 2021. All CUAs have improved and the CUA Scorecard process has proven to be a valuable tool to encourage positive change.



THE CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE:
NOTES OF THANKS TO OUR CUA MANAGER

CUA Case Managers make outstanding contributions to children, families, and communities. Through their work, they help to improve lives and give Philadelphians better access to the resources they need and deserve. We sat down with a local family to learn how their case manager helped to make a difference. Here's what they had to say about Eric Hawkins from Tabor Community Partners.

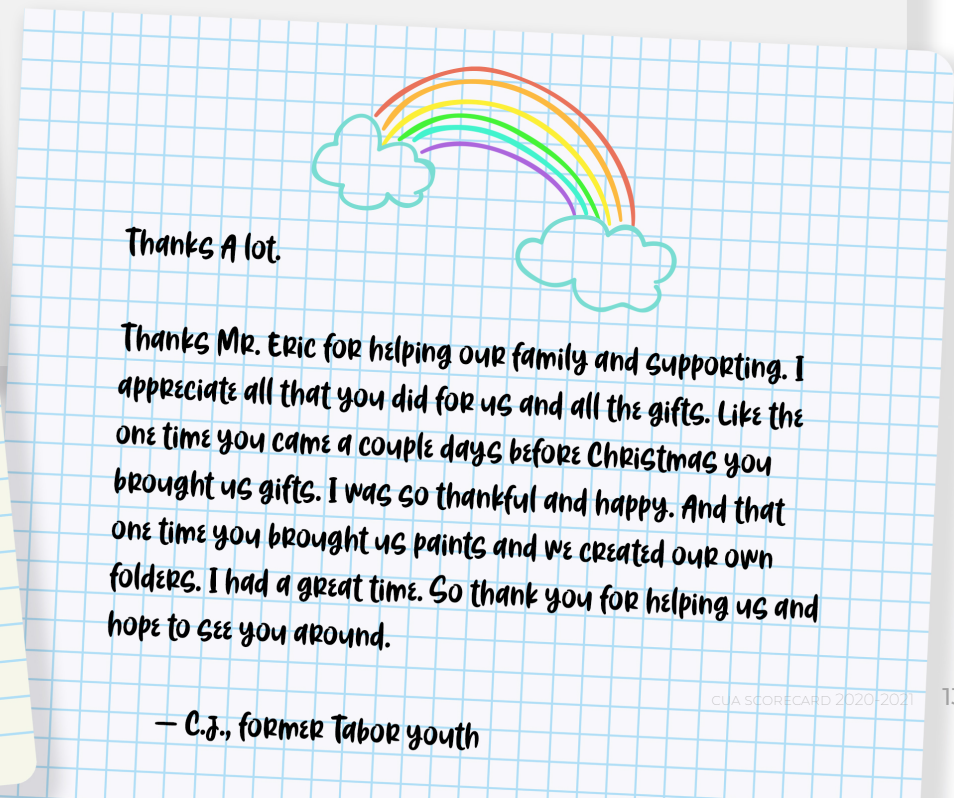
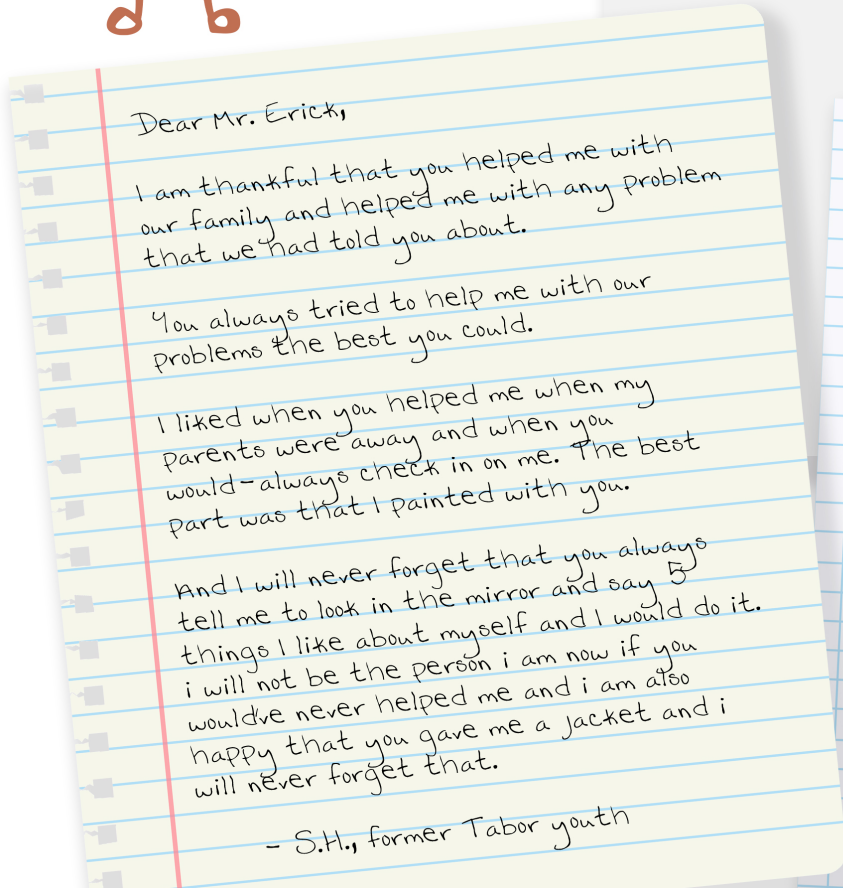


Eric has been such a great asset to my family. He came to us on a broken scale that me as a mother could not find a way to get my family back to equal grounds. Eric Hawkins has been a tremendous help to my daughters and me. He has helped me to realize how I can be a better parent as well as being a better me.

We did a lot of self-worth exercises and sessions that included painting, drawing, [and] making a self-positivity list that we have to stand in front of the mirror every day to motivate our positive spirit. He has helped us with resources within Philadelphia that can help my family! Myself and my daughter still practice these exercises. I want to thank Tabor Community Partners for having such a passionate and understanding [case worker] who is willing to go to the end of the earth to make sure things are in order for me and my daughters – Eric Hawkins!

He is an amazing person and I will miss him because he has brought my family balance. THANK YOU ERIC FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR MY FAMILY.

– E.J., parent



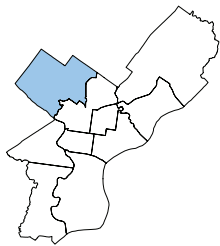
OVERALL BELL LEVEL

2021

2020

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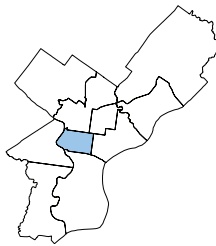
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Minority Board Participation
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Total # of Families Served for FY21
449



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Minority Board Participation
83%

Total # of Families Served for FY21
489

NET COMMUNITY CARE

Region 7: North Central

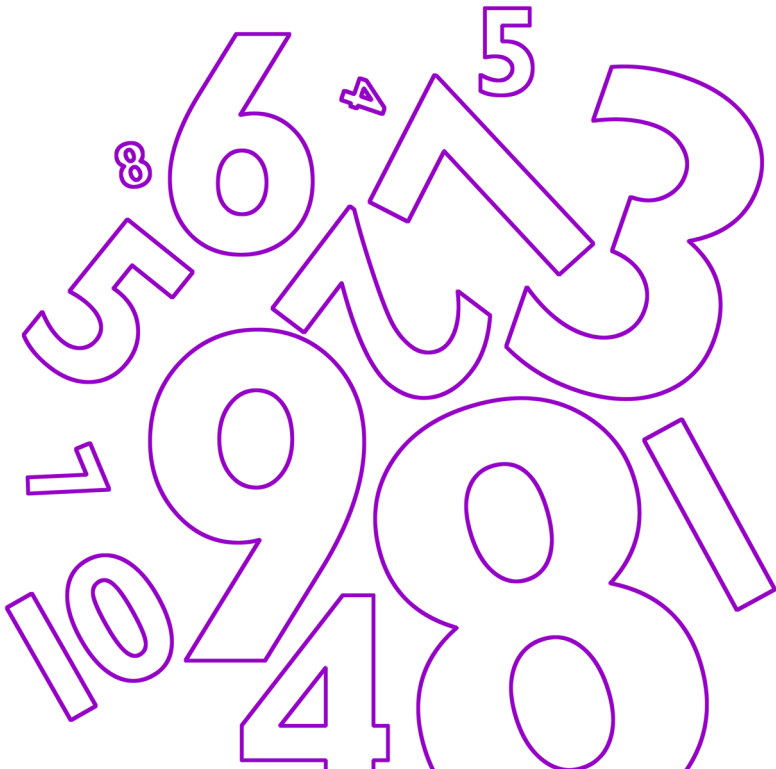
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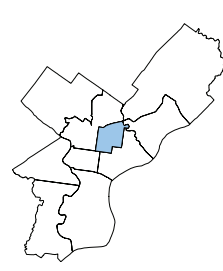
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NET COMMUNITY CARE

Region 1: Eastern North



Fiscal Year CUA Started

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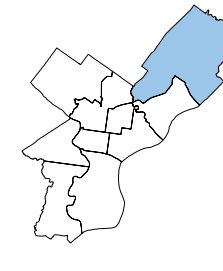
netcommunitycare

Minority Board Participation

83%

Total # of Families Served for FY21

515



Fiscal Year CUA Started

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Minority Board Participation

17%

Total # of Families Served for FY21

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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

Region 4: Northeast

OVERALL BELL LEVEL

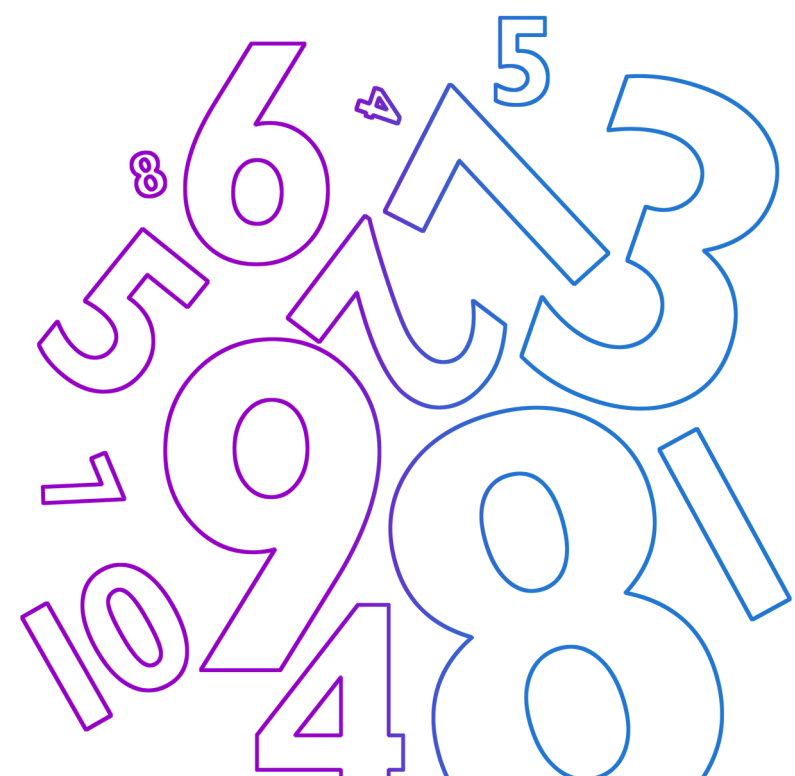
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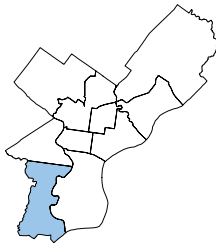
OVERALL BELL LEVEL

2021

2020

TURNING POINTS FOR CHILDREN

Region 9: Southwest



Fiscal Year CUA Started

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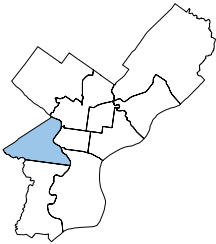
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Minority Board Participation

62%

Total # of Families Served for FY21

568



Fiscal Year CUA Started

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Minority Board Participation

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Total # of Families Served for FY21

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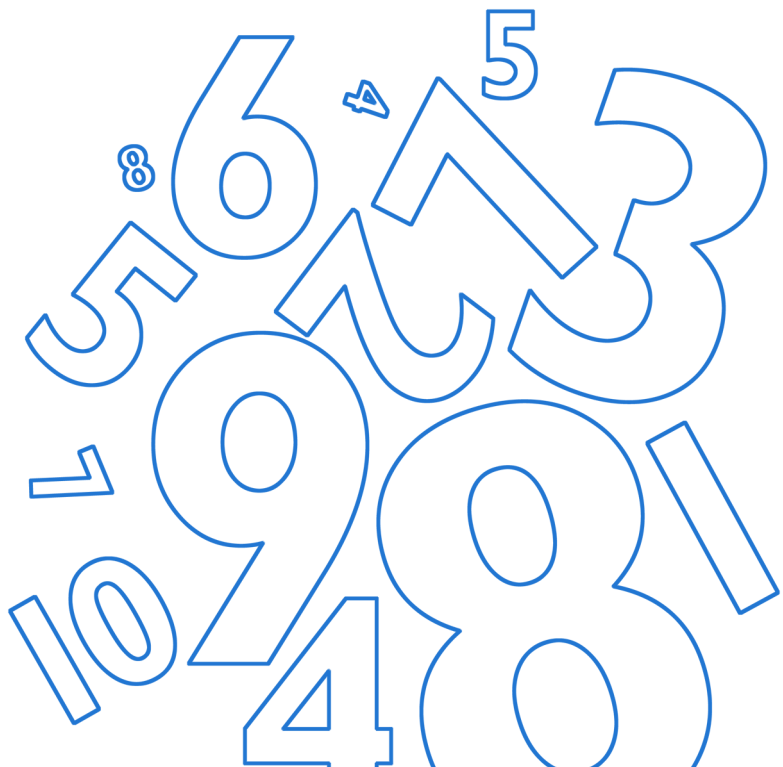
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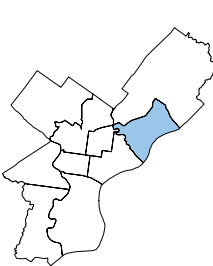
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Region 3: Lower Northeast



Fiscal Year CUA Started

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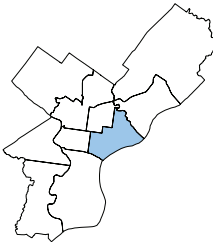
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Minority Board Participation

62%

Total # of Families Served for FY21

639



Fiscal Year CUA Started

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Minority Board Participation

77%

Total # of Families Served for FY21

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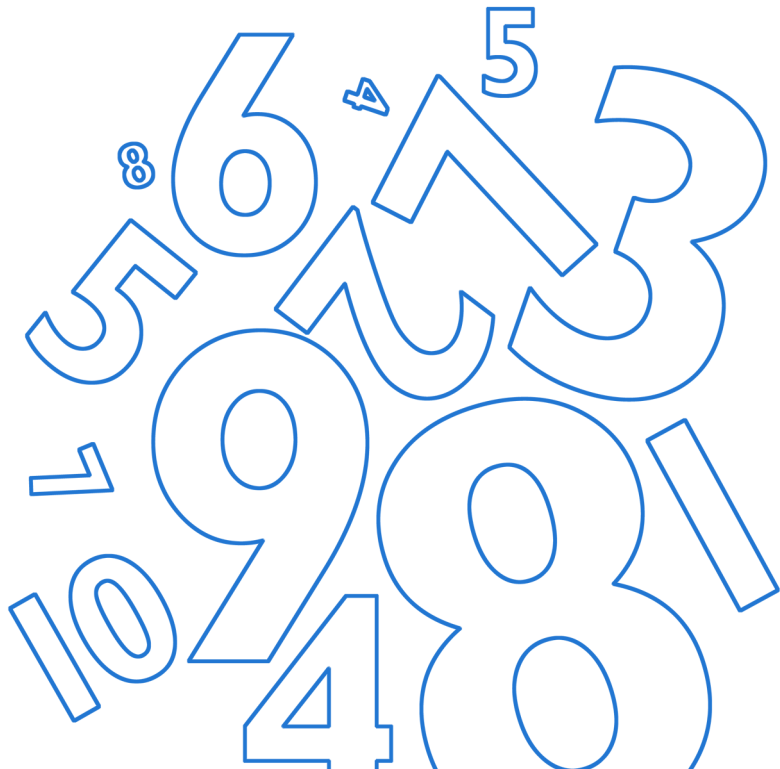
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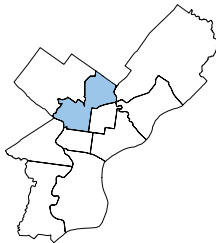
OVERALL BELL LEVEL

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Region 5: Logan/Olney



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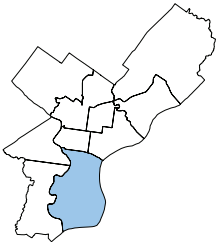
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Minority Board Participation

62%

Total # of Families Served for FY21

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Minority Board Participation

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Total # of Families Served for FY21

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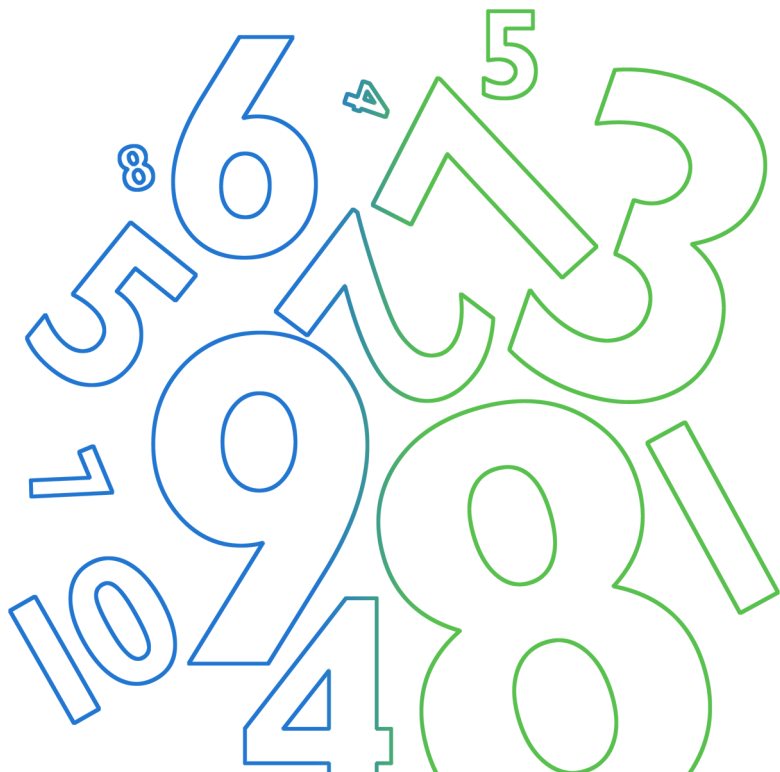
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APPENDIX

CUA Scorecard FAQs

What is the need for creating a CUA Scorecard?

The CUA Scorecard is an accountability tool that measures the CUA performance. It is designed to help DHS and CUAs recognize areas in which CUAs excel and identify areas in which CUAs may need additional supports.

Who is the CUA Scorecard evaluating?

The CUA Scorecard evaluates the 10 CUA regions, operated by six neighborhood-based, independent organizations responsible for coordinating services and supports for children, youth, and families in DHS care. Specifically, the CUA Scorecard looks at how well CUAs are achieving the goals of IOC: working with families to provide the supports and services they need to ensure that children are in safe and permanent homes that promote their positive well-being.

What activities are being evaluated?

The CUA Scorecard measures the activities that demonstrate the CUA Case Manager is moving the child to safe and timely permanency. When a family is accepted for service by DHS, they are assigned a CUA Case Manager who is responsible for maintaining children and youth safely in their own home or achieving timely reunification or other permanency for those who cannot be reunified. Many of the activities measured in the CUA Scorecard also relate to specific federal and state mandates that focus on improving outcomes for children and families.

The CUA Scorecard evaluates the CUA Case Managers' abilities to complete the following activities in a timely and high-quality way:

Evaluating the child's safety. CUA Case Managers use a Safety Assessment tool to monitor the child's ongoing safety. When potential safety issues arise, a Safety Plan is developed to keep the child safe.

Visiting the child and ensuring that families can visit with the child. Regular visitation allows the CUA Case Manager to ensure the child's continued well-being. Additionally, if the child is not living with their family, the CUA Case Manager is responsible for coordinating visits between the child and their family.

Completing assessments that monitor a child's health, education, and well-being.

As children grow, the need for supports can also change over time. Assessments allow CUA Case Managers to ensure supports are aligned to youth needs and adjust as necessary. The Scorecard also looks at overall CUA performance, including permanency rates (how many families achieve long-term stability), the financial health of the CUA, and CUA Case Manager retention.

Checking in with supervisors so that all decisions affecting a family can be reviewed and discussed before taking place. Good, regular supervision also helps CUA Case Managers to identify barriers that might be inhibiting progress on a case.

Working with Family Court to ensure that the services that children and families are receiving are appropriate for their needs. Family Court also provides oversight to help ensure that goals are being achieved in a timely manner.

Putting together and maintaining a Case Plan. A good Case Plan tells a complete story of who the family is, where their strengths lie, and what supports are needed to help overcome any challenges that they face.

How is DHS measuring and tracking these activities?

Data comes from three sources: reviews of case files (detailed records that CUA Case Managers keep for each family), case management system data, and administrative data that the CUAs send to DHS (financial audits, staffing information, etc.). DHS reviews a sample of these files on a regular basis using a Comprehensive Case File Review tool.

How often will CUA Scorecards be published?

CUA Scorecards will be published annually. DHS provides CUAs with quarterly scores so that progress can be monitored over the course of the year.

Methodology

This section provides an overview of how CUA Scorecards are organized and calculated.

Domains

CUA performance and practices are grouped into nine domains. Each domain has between one and nine metrics.

Weighting

Not all domains are equal. Practice in some areas is weighted more heavily than others to reflect DHS priorities.

For example, Permanency, which is a high priority area, accounts for 16% of the CUA's overall score, whereas the CUA's Workforce score accounts for only 4%. Therefore, a CUA that has a high Permanency score but a low Workforce score will have a higher overall score than a CUA that has a low Permanency score but a high Workforce Score.

Metrics within each domain are also weighted. Lead indicators on the Comprehensive Case File Review Tool are weighted more heavily than other metrics.

Comprehensive Case File Review Tool

Case files are reviewed using the Comprehensive Case File Review Tool, developed by Casey Family Programs—a national leader in child welfare practice and policy. This tool is research based and has been rigorously reviewed to ensure that it provides an accurate and reliable picture of who the family is and how the CUAs support them.

Glossary

Case

A family that is involved with DHS. Cases can include services for multiple children and youth, some of whom may be living outside of their home.

Case Manager

A professional employed by a CUA who works directly with families. CUA Case Managers are responsible for monitoring child safety, coordinating supports and services, ensuring the ongoing well-being of all the children and youth in the family, and moving the family's case towards a safe and permanent conclusion.

Case Plan

A formal, written plan developed collaboratively with the family to address issues related to child safety. This occurs at a Family Team Conference and includes the family along with all professionals involved with the family, whenever possible. All case plans begin by identifying the strengths and needs of the family. Then, throughout the life of the case, the CUA Case Manager monitors the family's progress and modifies the plan as needed so that all children reach an outcome that will ensure their future safety, permanency, and well-being.

Permanency

Permanency is securing a stable, permanent living arrangement for a child or youth. Permanency begins with supporting a caregiver so that the young people remain safe in their own home. If they are separated from their parents, reunification is always explored first. In cases where reunification is not possible (in order of priority), then children are placed with a relative or kin, adopted by a qualified and loving family, placed with a permanent legal custodian, or considered for Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA). APPLA is not included in the permanency rate for the CUA Scorecard.

Safety Assessment

A formal, written tool used by CUA Case Managers to perform a comprehensive evaluation of child safety. A good Safety Assessment looks at many different factors, including the family's present circumstances and the status of the caregiver's protective capacities. The Assessment concludes with a decision about whether a child can be safely maintained in the home, or if they can return home if they are currently in placement.

Safety Assessment Process

A process developed by Pennsylvania's Department of Human Services for gathering and analyzing information related to child safety. This process is used to identify threats to safety and protective capacities of caregivers and ultimately determine if a child can remain safe in their own home or return home if they are currently in a placement setting (e.g., foster care).

Safety Plan

Safety Plans are only required for children receiving In-Home Safety Services. A written agreement consisting of actions designed to keep safety threats in check. Safety Plans specify how supports available to the family will intervene to supplement a caregiver's protective capacities.

Visitation

CUA Case Managers are expected to visit with children on a regular basis to ensure their safety and well-being. CUA Case Managers may also facilitate visits between children and their parents and/or children and their siblings if the family is not living together. State and federal guidelines establish standards for how often children must be visited.



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