



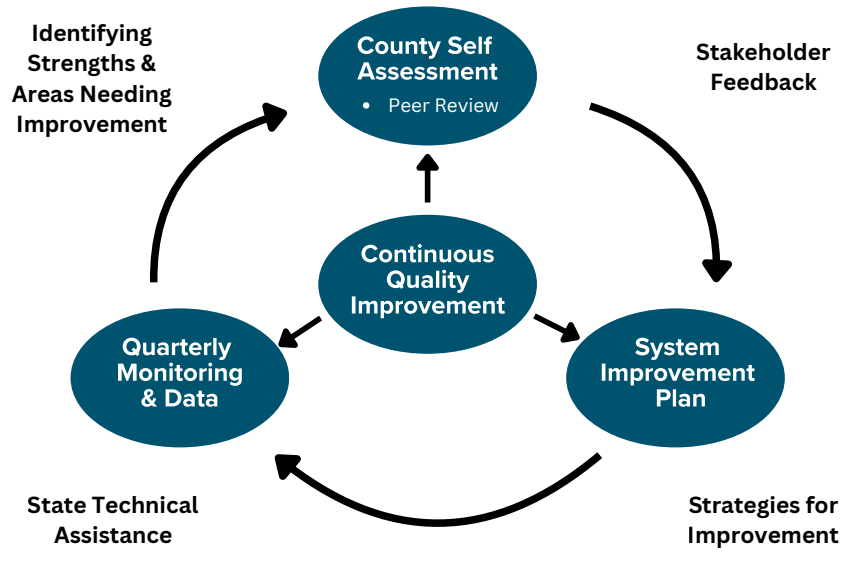
2025 System Improvement Plan Executive Summary

California - Child and Family Services Review

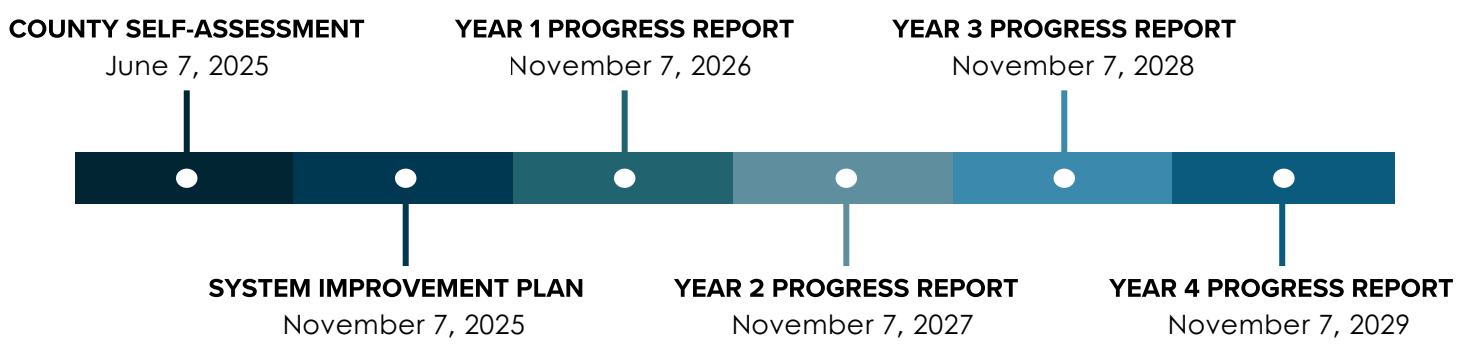
The **Lake County Department of Social Services, Child Welfare Services**, in collaboration with the **Juvenile Probation Department**, has developed a comprehensive System Improvement Plan as part of the five-year California Child and Family Services Review (C-CFSR) process. The C-CFSR serves as a statewide accountability framework aimed at enhancing outcomes for children and families involved in the child welfare system while ensuring county and state agencies are held accountable for their performance.

This process is built of three core components:

- County Self Assessment (CSA)
- System Improvement Plan (SIP)
- Annual SIP Progress Reports



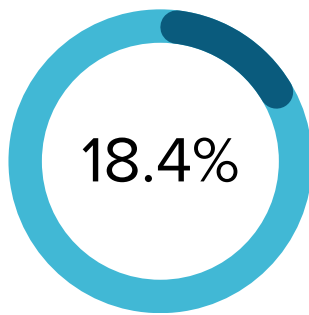
Lake County C-CFSR Five Year Timeline



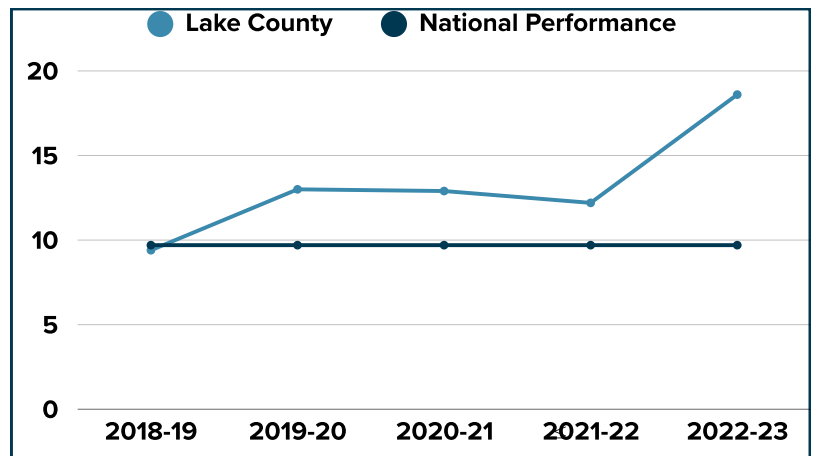
Based on recent performance, stakeholder feedback, and case reviews, Lake County has selected two Federal Outcome Measures and a Systemic Factor to focus on for improvement during the C-CFSR cycle.

CHILD WELFARE

S-2 Recurrence of Maltreatment - Of all children with a **substantiated allegation** during the 12-month period, what percent had another substantiated allegation within 12 months?

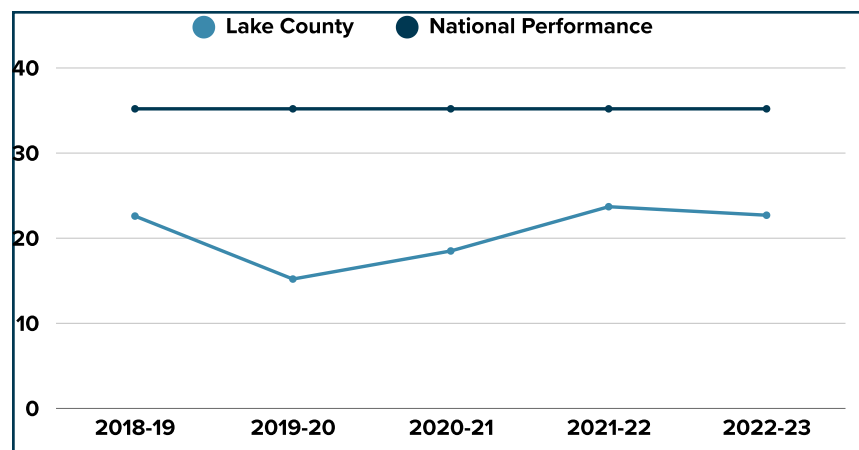


Lake County's most recent performance is 18.4% (21 of 114) (April 2022- March 2023)

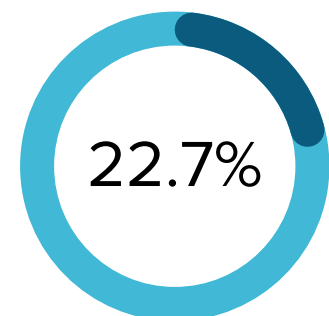


The National Performance for S-2 is $\leq 9.7\%$.

P-1 Permanency in 12 Months (of Entering Foster Care) - Of all children who enter foster care in a 12-month period, what percent discharged to **permanency** within 12 months of entering foster care?



The National Performance for P-1 is $\geq 35.2\%$.



Lake County's most recent performance is 22.7% (April 2022- March 2023)

JUVENILE PROBATION

Service Array - The capacity to deliver a comprehensive service array that is **available, accessible**, and able to be **individualized**.

There is no National Performance for Service Array.

The SIP serves as a roadmap of measurable goals and strategies to be implemented to improve **safety, permanency and well-being** of children. The SIP is the County's commitment to specific measurable improvements in the system of care of children and families that is completed every five years.

Below are the strategies that the Child Welfare and Juvenile Probation Departments have developed as part of the SIP process.

Child Welfare

STRATEGY 1:

Implement a progressive visitation policy that supports families to ensure timely and safe reunification. Social workers will utilize the policy and Behaviorally Based Case Planning to increase parent engagement and consistently assess for safety and risk.

STRATEGY 2:

Strengthen emergency response protocols to ensure child safety by systematically reviewing recurrence referrals, maintaining compliance with Division 31 regulations, and utilizing SDM assessment tools.

Juvenile Probation

STRATEGY 1:

Identify tribal leaders and advocates to establish working relationships to provide culturally competent services.

Each department has established specific action steps and timelines to drive progress toward achieving improvement goals within the five-year C-CFSR cycle.