

8.18.26
DCF Dashboard Working Group Meeting
Minutes

- Beginning of meeting: DCF dashboard mock-up presentation
 - What do we need to build up? What is the best way to do it?
 - Mock-up suggests a set of web pages across 4 levels: home page, reports/information page, performance category page, and performance metric-specific page
 - Home page
 - Intro to department and contextual data
 - Having visuals on the first page attracts viewers
 - Definitions for the mandate areas
 - Report/information page (already exists)
 - Static information
 - Updating/cleaning up info
 - Additional internal qualitative reports to consider
 - Performance category page
 - Indicators and long-term outcomes
 - Florida dashboard - different metrics
 - Measure-specific page
 - Inspiration from Minnesota's
 - Trend, geography, age, race/ethnicity
 - Taking priorities of working group into the dashboard
 - Don't want to go back too far with data to make sure the site doesn't lag - maybe 10 years to have pre- and post-pandemic data
 - Policy variables like the Census
 - Data points on what leads to families being involved in DCF
 - CT Health Equity Dashboard as reference, not piece-mealing or re-inventing what already exists
 - United Way divides data by state house district
- Discussion of DCF presentation, priorities and specifics of what they represent
 - Workforce
 - Social worker vacancies
 - Approps gets office-by-office breakdown
 - DAS provides these numbers, workforce data is tricky because of how workers move
 - Could still provide the data, but not sure if it would be good for the dashboard
 - Staff ratios can be helpful for future foster parents, etc.

- What data sets can be merged across agencies?
- Are social workers following up?
- Info on whether or not a case is investigated
- DCF has quantitative and qualitative reviews
- In-person vs. virtual visitation
- Different tracks that investigations take
- Info: How many cases should each worker have? Pathway for supervision? Are we meeting the ratio?
- Service array, linking already-existing data
- Foster parents: if you are interested, here is a link
- For next meeting
 - Ask group to look at what we discussed and the agenda
 - Critical priorities, anything not included?
 - What points would be helpful?