

Webinar: Target Setting for Child Outcomes
Friday, October 30, 2009; 3:00-4:30 EDT
Polling Questions and Answers from Call Participants

Please Note: We used the poll questions on this call to promote discussion and to provide a general idea of how states are setting targets. The results shown below are not representative of the nation's status relative to target setting and shouldn't be interpreted that way. Keep in mind that not all participants answered all poll questions, and it is possible that more than one person from a state answered questions about that state. Also note that not all percentages equal 100% due to rounding.

Poll One: For those of you who are in state Part C or 619 programs and working with child outcome data, do you have the results of the analysis of your child outcome data for FFY08 (due Feb 1, 2010)?

Answer Choices:	n	%
Yes, I have access to the child outcomes data for FFY 08 analyzed according to the five progress categories and calculated into the two summary statements.	19	32%
Yes, I have seen preliminary results, but not the final data.	20	34%
No, I have not yet seen the data, and I don't have information about the results	16	27%
No, I don't work with child outcome data in a state	4	7%
Total	59	100%

Poll Two: For those of you who have access to your data, what percentages will you report for Summary Statement 1: Percentage of children with greater than expected gains?

Baseline for Outcome A: Social relationships

Answer Choices:	n	%
<40%	2	7%
40-50%	2	7%
51-60%	3	10%
61-70%	4	13%
71-80%	10	33%
81- 90%	5	17%
>90	4	13%
Total	30	100%



Baseline for Outcome B: Knowledge and problem solving

Answer Choices:	n	%
<40%	2	7%
40-50%	0	--
51-60%	3	10%
61-70%	8	27%
71-80%	9	30%
81- 90%	2	7%
>90	6	20%
Total	30	101%

Baseline for Outcome C: Meets needs

Answer Choices:	n	%
<40%	1	3%
40-50%	3	10%
51-60%	1	3%
61-70%	4	14%
71-80%	10	34%
81- 90%	4	14%
>90	6	21%
Total	29	99%

Third Poll: For those of you who have access to your data, what percentages will you report for Summary Statement 2: Percentage of children exiting at age expectations?

Baseline for Outcome A: Social relationships

Answer Choices:	n	%
<40%	3	9%
40-50%	2	6%
51-60%	10	30%
61-70%	10	30%
71-80%	5	15%
81- 90%	2	6%
>90	1	3%
Total	33	99%



Baseline for Outcome B: Knowledge and problem solving

Answer Choices:	n	%
<40%	5	15%
40-50%	1	3%
51-60%	17	50%
61-70%	5	15%
71-80%	3	9%
81- 90%	2	6%
>90	1	3%
Total	34	101%

Baseline for Outcome C: Meets needs

Answer Choices:	n	%
<40%	2	6%
40-50%	4	12%
51-60%	9	26%
61-70%	8	24%
71-80%	8	24%
81- 90%	2	6%
>90	1	3%
Total	34	101%

Poll Four – For those of you involved in data analysis, in what ways are you looking at your data in preparation for target setting?

	Yes n (%)	No n (%)	Total n
By local program or school district	39 (81%)	9 (19%)	48
By region of the state	25 (58%)	18 (42%)	43
By eligibility category or type of disability	21 (49%)	22 (51%)	43
By length of time in service	19 (46%)	22 (54%)	41
Other?	17 (47%)	19 (53%)	36



Poll Five: For those of you who are in state Part C or 619 programs, how did (or how will) your state involve stakeholders in the target setting process?

Answer Choices:	n	%
We have an ongoing Outcomes stakeholder workgroup who focuses on outcome data	15	37%
We involved a group of stakeholders who needed background on the outcomes, the progress categories, the targets, etc.	25	63%
Total	40	100%

How did (or how will you) use stakeholders in this process?

Answer Choices:	Yes n (%)	No n (%)	Total n
We involved stakeholders in reviewing data for quality and/or patterns in the outcomes	15 (38%)	24 (62%)	39
We reported highlights from data analysis to stakeholders, and they participated in interpreting the data	24 (63%)	14 (37%)	38
Stakeholders participated in deciding on the targets	35 (85%)	6 (15%)	41
We presented recommended targets, and the rationale, to stakeholders, and they discussed and approved the targets	31 (79%)	8 (21%)	39

Poll Six: For those who are in states, how far along are you in the process of setting targets?

Answer Choices:	n	%
Don't yet have data ready	13	28%
Reviewing data, but haven't yet decided on targets	17	37%
We have a recommendation or idea about our targets, but it isn't official yet	9	20%
We have decided on our targets	7	15%
Total	46	100%



For those of you who have recommendation (or an idea) for targets or who have decided on targets...

In general across the 3 outcomes, what do your targets look like for Summary Statement 1: Percentage of children with greater than expected gains, for FFY 09, (data due Feb, 2011)?

Answer Choices:	n	%
>5% below baseline	0	--
2-5% below baseline	2	11%
<2% below baseline	6	33%
At baseline	4	22%
<2% above baseline	4	22%
2- 5% above baseline	1	6%
> 5% above baseline	1	6%
	18	100%

In general across the 3 outcomes, what do your targets look like for Summary Statement 2: Percentage of children exiting at age expectations, for FFY 09, (data due Feb, 2011)?

Answer Choices:	n	%
>5% below baseline	0	--
2-5% below baseline	1	6%
<2% below baseline	5	29%
At baseline	4	24%
<2% above baseline	6	35%
2- 5% above baseline	0	--
> 5% above baseline	1	6%
	17	100%

Poll Seven: If your targets for FFY09 are below your baseline, what rationale do you have for fewer children making greater than expected progress, or fewer children exiting at age expectations in the July 09- June 10 reporting year?

Answer Choices:	Yes n (%)	No n (%)	Total n
Our data are still not as clean as we would like	5 (45%)	6 (55%)	11
Our data are not as representative of the children we serve as they will be next year (e.g. because of how we phased in our outcomes data collection)	8 (67%)	4 (33%)	12
We are not confident about some of the early "entry" data that is included in this year's data	7 (58%)	5 (42%)	12



Poll Eight: For states that have developed improvement activities for you outcomes indicator (C3 or B7), what do they look like?

Answer Choices:	n	%
All of our improvement activities are about improving data quality	7	25%
We have more improvement activities related to improving data quality than related to improving programs and services (to improve the outcomes for children)	8	29%
We have about the same amount of effort related to improving data quality as related to improving programs and services (to improve the outcomes for children)	10	36%
We have more improvement activities related to improving programs and services than related to improving data quality	2	7%
All of our improvement activities are about improving programs and services	1	4%
Total	28	101%

