

Report requirement recommendations for consideration.

- 1) Modify the 90-day summary reports and require the reports for substantiated cases only.
 - a. Currently, 90-day summary reports are required for both substantiated and unsubstantiated cases.
 - b. Data regarding unsubstantiated cases could be maintained for the purpose of the annual report but ideally would not require the 90-day summary reports.
- 2) Eliminate the 6-month report prepared by DCF on specific cases.
 - a. Currently, 6-month reports are completed for cases receiving practice reviews.
 - b. The 6-month report requests the same information as the 90-day summary (see below).
 - c. From review of the reports available on DCF's website, there is little change between the information provided at 90-days vs. the information provided at 6 months.
- 3) Replace the 6-month reports for individual cases with an annual report that includes aggregate data and eventually trend data.
 - a. In addition to data, this report would specify any policy/practice changes made by the local Child Protection agency or the Department of Children and Families' Division of Safety and Permanence as a result of either individual case reviews or the analysis of the data gathered from all substantiated cases. The committee is not currently getting this kind of information.

90-day summaries AND 6-month reports currently contain narrative regarding the following information:

A description of the incident, including the suspected cause of death, injury or egregious abuse or neglect.

(Note: With the recommendations above, the case specific information would be removed but the data would be included in the annual report.)

Findings by agency, including maltreatment determination and material circumstances leading to incident.

(Note: With the recommendations above, this information would be included in each 90-day summary and the data would be included in the annual report.)

Child's residence at the time of incident.

(Note: With the recommendations above, this information would be included in each 90-day summary and the data would be included in the annual report.)

Description of the child's family (for incidents occurring in the home only).

(Note: With the recommendations above, this information would be captured via data in the annual report rather than publicly disclosing family specific information. Family/caregiver descriptors could be analyzed for trends, which would be new and would potentially inform legislative changes and/or system supports needed.)

Statement of services (when applicable; for incidents occurring in the home only).

(Note: With the recommendations above, this information would be included in each 90-day summary.)

Summary of all involvement in services as adults under ch. 48 or ch. 938 by child's parents or alleged maltreater in the previous five years. (when applicable; for incidents occurring in the home only).

(Note: With the recommendations above, similar information would be included in each 90-day summary.)

Summary of actions taken by the agency under ch. 48, including any investigation of a report or referrals to services involving the child, any member of the child's family living in this household and the child's parents and alleged maltreater. (Does not include the current incident.)

(Note: With the recommendations above, similar information would be included in each 90-day summary.)

Summary of any investigation involving the child, any member of the child’s family and alleged maltreater conducted under ch. 48 and any services provided to the child and child’s family since the date of the incident.

(Note: This information would not appear in the 90-day summary or annual report.)

Description of the OHC placement and basis for decision to place child there. (For incidents that occurred while the child was in placement only.)

(Note: This information would not appear in the 90-day summary or annual report.)

Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home. (For incidents that occurred while the child was in placement only.)

(Note: This information would not appear in the 90-day summary or annual report.)

Licensing history. (For incidents that occurred while the child was in placement only.)

(Note: With the recommendations above, this information would be included in each 90-day summary and data regarding the license type could be added to the annual report and analyzed for trends.)

Summary of policy or practice changes to address issues identified based on the record or on-site review of the incident.

(Note: With the recommendations above, this information would be included in each 90-day summary.)

Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules, or statutes needed to address identified issues based on the record or on-site review.

(Note: With the recommendations above, this information could be included in each 90-day summary. It would be most beneficial if it was contained in the annual report after review of aggregate data and trend analysis has occurred.)

Option for connecting the 3-year trend data to the CAN Report and the Annual Hearing by Legislative Standing Committee

If a report containing aggregated data of critical incidents is desired, the optional report that contains the 3-year trend data could be completed as an addendum to the CAN report and be covered at the same hearing.

If this was done, the hearing could cover: broad annual CAN info > focus in on Act 78 cases for the year > review of aggregate data, including how the current year compares to the prior 2 years (once that part of the report is established) > discuss lessons learned from the analysis, as well as local and/or state policy/practice changes informed by the data > a summary of recommendations made by CDRs and/or CRPs > recommendations to the legislature.

[This information is being provided to help the committee contextualize possible changes only.]