**Increasing the number and rate of children coming into foster care who are placed in their own neighborhoods or communities
(Family to Family Outcome #2)**

What is this Outcome Indicator?

2002 Entries: Distance from Home Address to First Spell Placement Address For Children Still in Care 12 Months After Entry
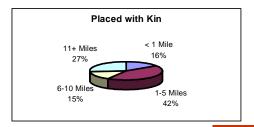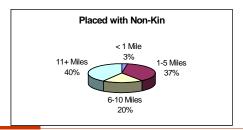**Stratified by Placement at 12 Months with Kin or Non-Kin**
(http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports/Cohorts/distance/distanceFrameset.asp?data=data&yr=2002)

Where in CWS/CMS does the information come from?

- This report examines the distance in miles between a child's removal address and placement address at 12 months for those in a first foster care placement episode (spell) who were still in care one year after entry.

How are we doing? (2002 first entries)

Placed with Kin
- < 1 Mile 16%
- 1-5 Miles 42%
- 6-10 Miles 15%
- 11+ Miles 27%

Placed with Non-Kin
- < 1 Mile 3%
- 1-5 Miles 37%
- 6-10 Miles 20%
- 11+ Miles 40%

How do we improve?

- Recruitment, Training and Support (RTS) will recruit foster homes in targeted areas so that there are placement resources available in the neighborhoods where children are removed from

- Assessment of relatives and Non-Relative Extended Family Members for placement by the Home Assessment Unit

- Utilizing the Team Decision Making (TDM) process, when it is in the child's best interest, to make placements near the neighborhood that the child comes from and is familiar with.

- Recognize that placement with a relative outside of the neighborhood may be the optimal placement for some children

Data Integrity

- **The data extracted is only as good as the data that is put in to the system. It is up to each one of us to correctly and accurately put the proper information into the system for this and every outcome**