

CFSR 3 Measures as a Springboard for Continuous Quality Improvement

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Agenda

- Review nature of the changes in CFSR 3 measures
- Review CFSR 3 approach to state-to-state comparison
- Local applications
 - Targeting CFSR3 improvements
 - Focus county CQI efforts
 - Identification of potential waiver jurisdictions
 - Oversight of provider performance

CFSR 3 Measures

- Greatly improved over their predecessors
 - For the most part, entry cohort based indicators
 - Representative of actual performance = actionable in a CQI context
 - Example: Permanency within 12 months
 - Of all children who **entered** care in a 12-month period, what percent discharged to permanency within 12 months of entering foster care?

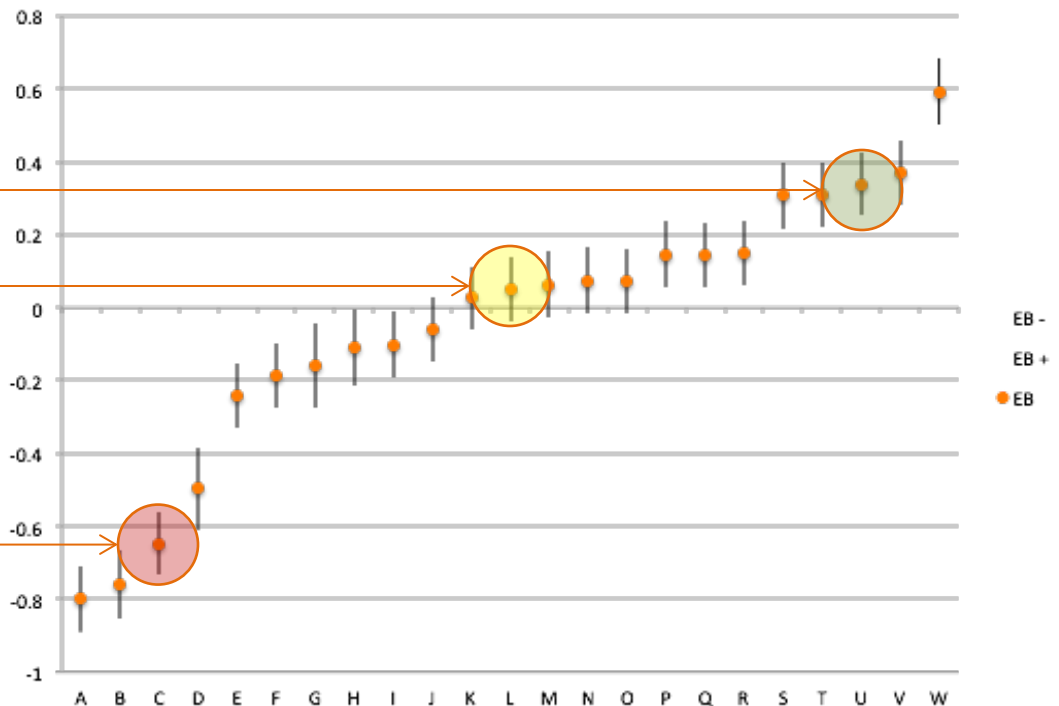
CFSR 3 Comparative State Performance

- Method for state-to-state comparisons also improved
 - Performance with respect to the national average
 - Risk-adjusted

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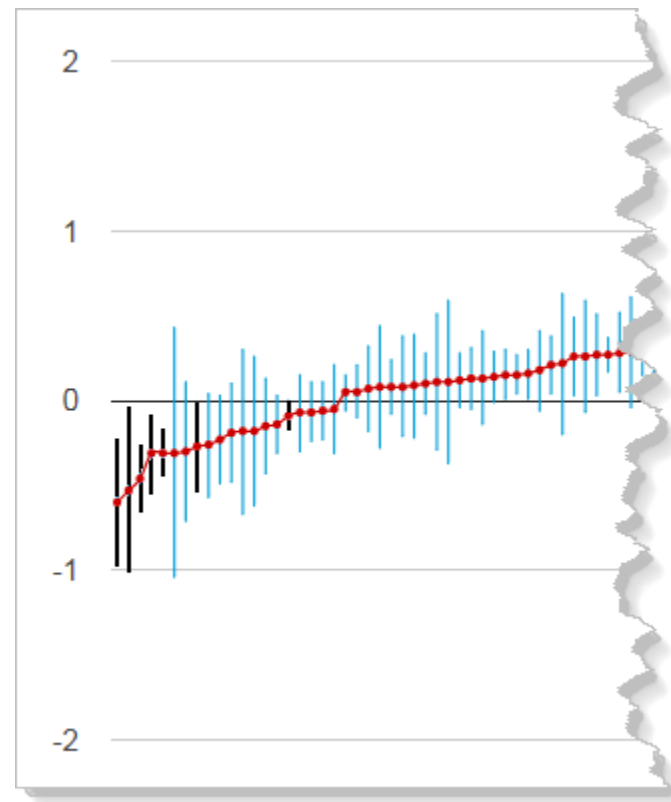
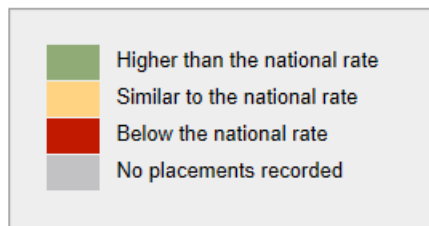
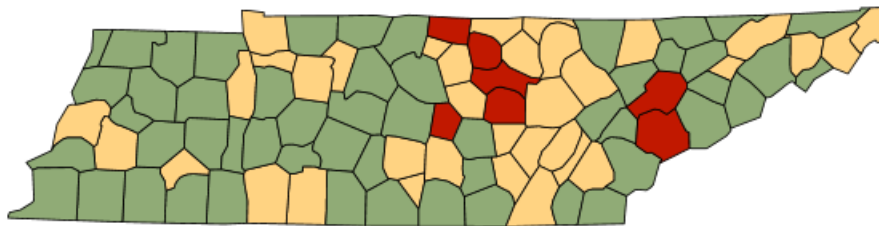
After controlling for child- and state-specific characteristics, the rate of reunification within 12 months is significantly **lower** than the national average.



Local Applications

- Targeting CFSR 3 improvements

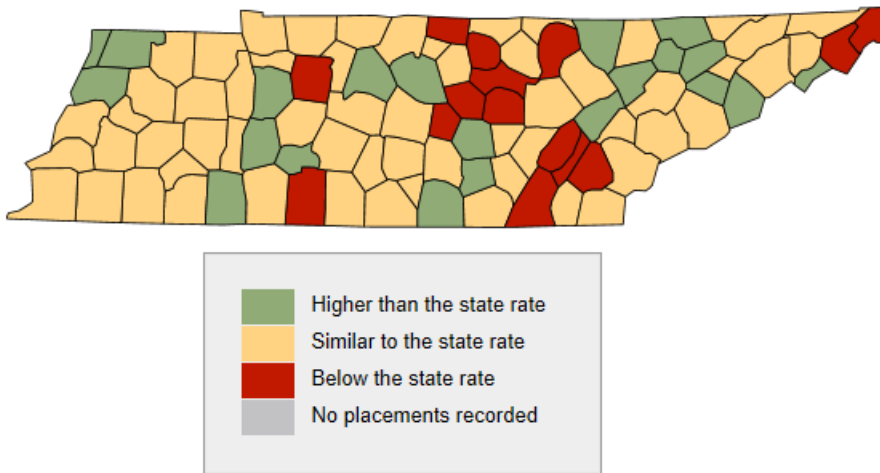
Comparative Percent of Children Exiting to Permanency within 12 months (**National** Reference)



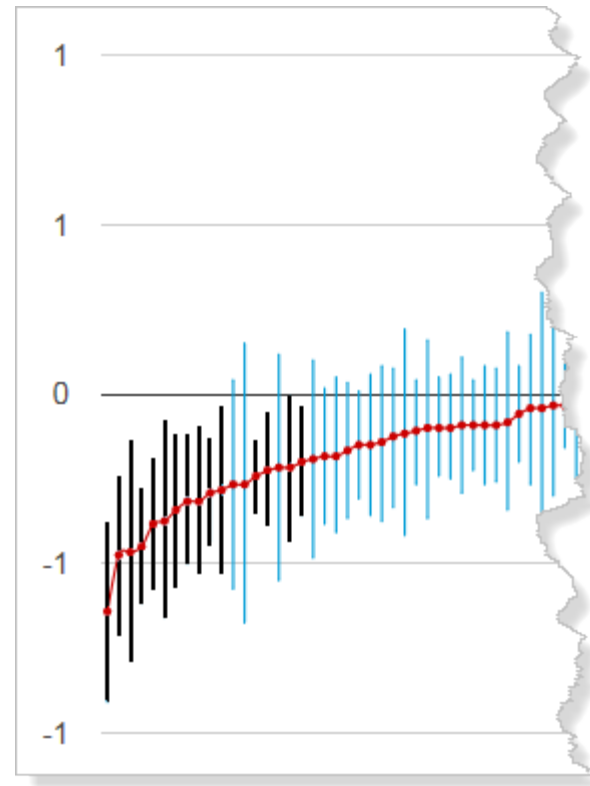
Local Applications

- Focus county CQI efforts

Comparative Percent of Children Exiting to Permanency within 12 months (State Reference)



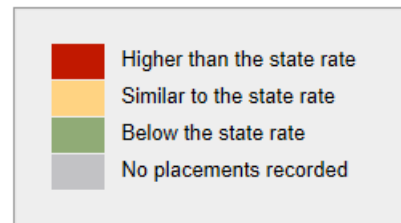
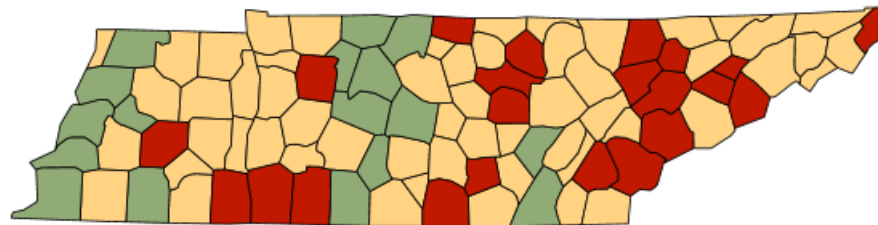
Risk adjust for **county** characteristics
(SES, case mix, caseload size...)



Local Applications

- Target potential waiver jurisdictions

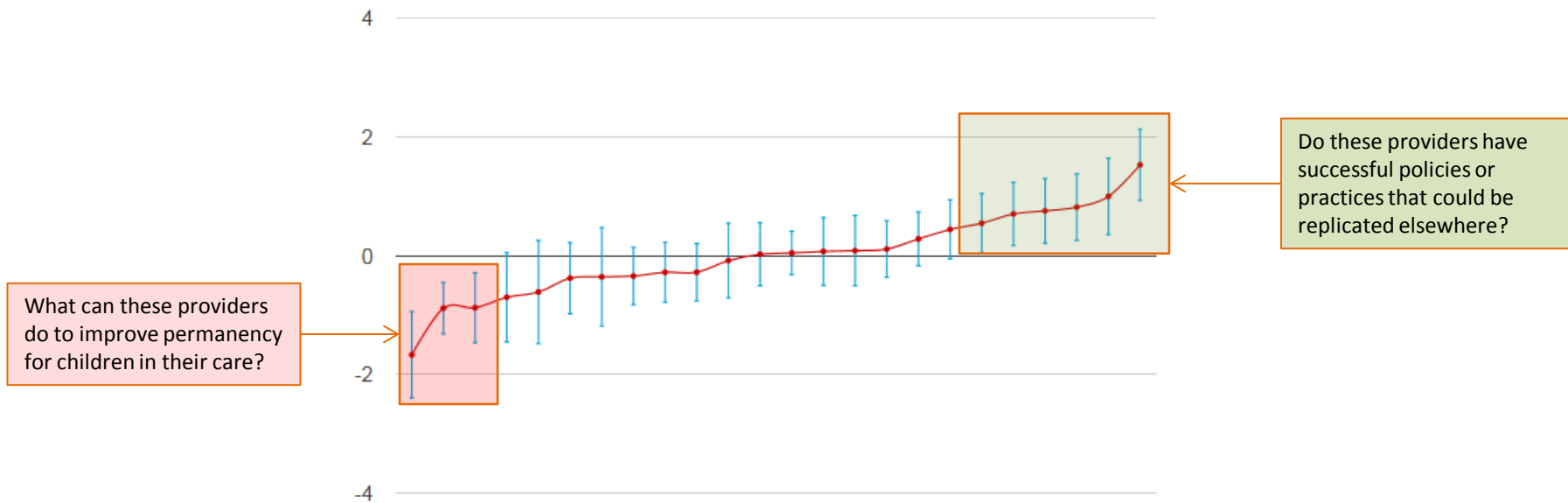
Comparative Foster Care Placement Rate per 1,000 (State Reference)



Local Applications

- Monitor service provider performance

Comparative Percent of Children Exiting to Permanency within 12 months (Provider Network Reference)



Risk adjust for provider characteristics
(county, CANS score...)

Take home messages

- CFSR 3 measures and methods can be used in various CQI contexts.
- Methods are not limited to CFSR 3 measures.
- From a CQI perspective, public agencies will need to determine which outcomes to focus on at which levels.
- Structurally, challenge will be to streamline these efforts at the state and local level.

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