

Children's Rights Settlement – Termination Plan

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Sec. 588. (1) Concurrently with public release, the department shall transmit all reports from the court-appointed settlement monitor, including, but not limited to, the needs assessment and period outcome reporting, to the state budget office, the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, and the senate and house fiscal agencies and policy offices, without revision.

(2) By October 1 of the current fiscal year, the department shall submit to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the policy offices a detailed plan that will terminate and dismiss with prejudice the settlement by September 30 of the current fiscal year.



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CSA is taking a holistic approach to exiting the MISEP by focusing on the issues that truly matter to children and families, including, improving the safety of children when they are under our care, increasing timeliness to permanency, and increasing investments in early intervention and prevention.

MDHHS agrees that we should work to exit the Modified Implementation Sustainability and Exit Plan (MISEP), however, doing so is contingent upon recommendations from the Plaintiff, Monitoring Team and ruling of the Court. Significant changes in the MISEP include the following:

- The MISEP decreased Michigan's number of requirements to 74 compared to the 317 that were in the original Dwayne B. Consent Decree.
- The MISEP allows for the movement or removal of commitments from the agreement when performance standards have been met.
- Of the 74 commitments in the MISEP:
 - 30 are in structures and policies, which are not actively monitored.
 - 44 are actively monitored and reported on to the Monitors.

CSA has developed a comprehensive reporting matrix to ensure data quality, which has been reviewed and approved by the Monitors. CSA is committed to ensuring positive outcomes for children and families through the dissemination of quality data to the field targeted at critical focus areas of the MISEP, including, safety in care and timely receipt of services as a performance goal.

Additional efforts also include expansion of the Placement Collaboration Unit, expansion of the Maltreatment in Care (MIC) unit, a systematic review of all relative placements, and coordination of Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) activities, including, implementation of ChildStat and improved data sharing.

The department has committed to quarterly meetings with the Plaintiffs to ensure timely discussions pertaining to outcomes and the coordination and communication necessary to progressively exit the remaining 44 actively monitored commitments.