



FACT SHEET

National Performance Measures Overview

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Background on the National Performance Measures

The Federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau, together with its partners, identified six national performance measures for state Children with Special Health Care Needs Programs. These performance measures are used to measure progress towards the development of community-based system of services for all children with special health care needs, which are consistent with the Healthy People 2010 goal, the national health goals for the nation.

Goals of the Washington State CSHCN Program

Provide and promote family-centered, community-based, and coordinated care for children with special health care needs. Facilitate the development of community-based systems of services for such children and their families.

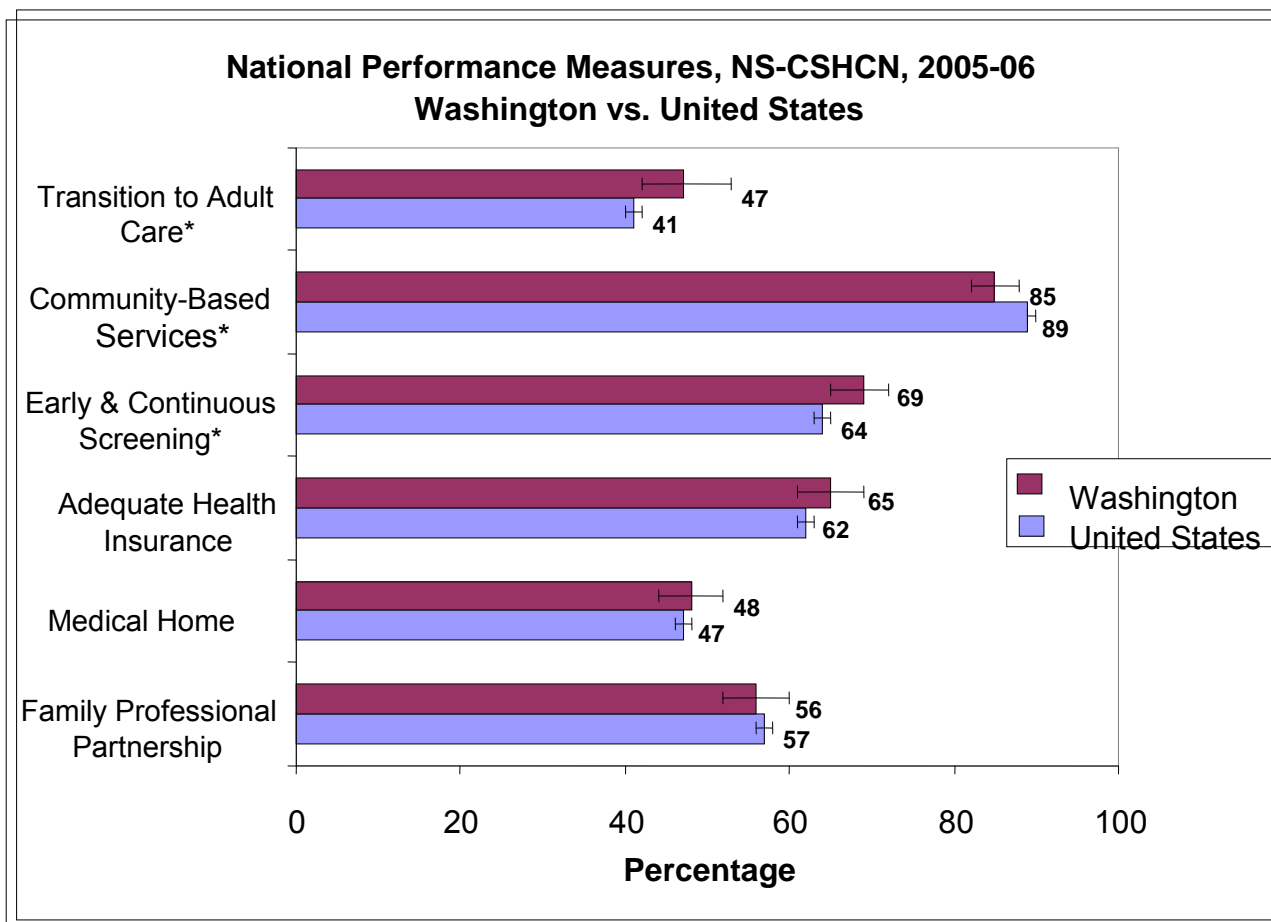
Measuring Success

The six National Performance Measures include:

1. Families of children and youth with special health care needs are partners in decision-making at all levels and are satisfied with the services they receive.
2. Children and youth with special health care needs receive coordinated ongoing comprehensive care within a medical home.
3. Families of children with special health care needs have adequate private and/or public insurance to pay for the services they need.
4. Children are screened early and continuously for special health care needs.
5. Community-based services for children and youth with special health care needs are organized so families can use them easily.
6. Youth with special health care needs receive the services necessary to make transitions to all aspects of adult life, including adult health care, work, and independence.

How is Washington Doing?

Data from the 2005-2006 National Survey of Children with Special Health Needs, listed in the chart below, give us information about how Washington State is meeting the six National Performance Measures.¹



* Washington and United States rates are statistically different, based on chi-square test, $p \leq 0.05$.

The Washington rates of early and continuous screening and youth transition to adult services are statistically higher than the National rate. The percentage of parents in Washington that report services are organized in a way families can use them easily is statistically lower than the National rate. All other Washington National Performance Measure data are similar to National data.

For more information on each National Performance Measure, see the individual fact sheets.

Data Sources

1. Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative. *2005/06 National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs*, Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health website. Retrieved 12/23/08 from www.cshcndata.org

Other Resources:

Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) www.mchb.hrsa.gov
 Federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) www.hrsa.gov
 Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) www.amchp.org

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