

TITLE 10. HUMAN SERVICES

CHAPTER 131.

ADOPTION ASSISTANCE AND CHILD WELFARE ACT OF 1980

REQUIREMENTS

SUBCHAPTER 1. NEW JERSEY CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES PLAN

**§ 10:131-1.1 New Jersey Child and Family Services Plan**

New Jersey develops an annual Child and Family Services Plan. Copies of the New Jersey Child and Family Services Plan may be obtained from:

Division of Youth and Family Services

DYFS Director

50 East State Street

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Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0717

SUBCHAPTER 2. GOALS FOR CHILDREN REMAINING IN FOSTER  
CARE IN EXCESS OF 24 MONTHS

**§ 10:131-2.1 State child welfare services permanency planning**

The Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980 (P.L. 96-272) mandates that specific goals be established by State law before October 1st for each fiscal year as to the maximum number of Title IV-E eligible children who will remain in foster care for more than 24 months. This requirement is consistent with the intent of the legislation to improve services provided to children and their families, therefore reducing the number of children removed from their families and increasing the number of children returned to their families from out-of-home placement. This requirement is also consistent with the goal of the Division of Youth and Family Services, under N.J.S.A. 30:4C-1 et seq., to provide all children with permanency planning, therefore minimizing the number of children in temporary out-of-home placement.

**§ 10:131-2.2 State child welfare services goals**

New Jersey has established the goal that no more than 1,800 Title IV-E eligible children will remain in foster care for more than 24 months during Federal fiscal year 2008 and thereafter. The Division of Youth and Family Services will make every effort within available resources to ensure that services are provided to maintain children in their own homes and to reunify children in out-of-home placement with their families as quickly as possible.

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