

The Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) is an association of nearly 800 public and private nonprofit agencies and organizations that are devoted to improving life for abused, neglected, and otherwise vulnerable children and young people and their families. CWLA suggests the national goals of Safety, Permanency, and Wellbeing as a framework for development of a child welfare outcome measurement system.

The following graph illustrates how well Gateway is meeting those goals.

Some of the outcomes used to measure Gateway's success include:

Child Safety – Keeping a child safe in his/her own home, in a foster home, or in a residential treatment facility.

- Development of safety plans and documentation of founded reports of abuse/neglect during program participation.
- Relicensing of foster homes and evaluation of safety related measures against industry standards.
- Number of runaway episodes.
- Safety status as 6, 12, and 24 months post discharge.

Permanency for the Child – We have all heard the stories of children lost in “the system” for their entire childhoods. Gateway’s goal is to place/maintain each child in the least restrictive setting that will appropriately meet his/her needs while planning for that child’s permanent, “forever” home.

- Families preserved at the time of case closure.
- Stability in placements at 6, 12, 24 months post-discharge.
- Children placed with permanent resource family within 12 months of entering program.

Child & Family Wellbeing – Families having the capacity to provide for their children’s needs, children having educational opportunities and achievements appropriate to their abilities, and children receiving physical and mental health services adequate to meet their needs.

- Demonstration of increased knowledge of subject matter taught (refusal skills, risks of substance abuse, anger management skills, etc.)
- Improvement in standardized test scores.
- Recidivism rate.
- Foreclosures prevented.

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Agency-wide Results

