

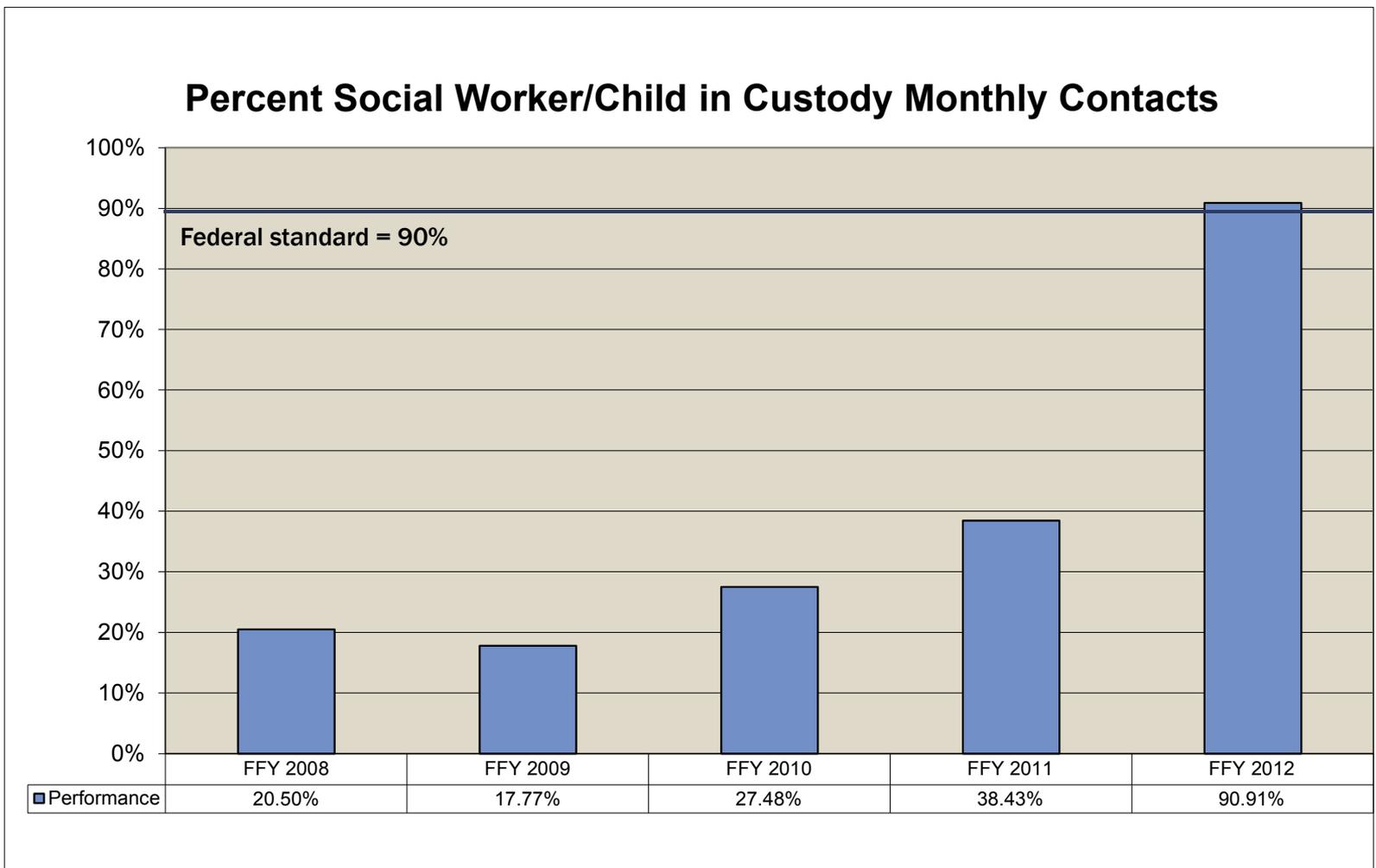
Outcome: Children and youth are safe

Indicator: Social Worker Contact with Children in DCF Custody

In April of 2007, a federal Child and Family Services Review found the level of contact between Family Services social workers and children in custody to be “unacceptable”.

The federal standard for face-to-face contact between social workers and children and youth in custody is that 90% of children are seen each and every month of the year. States who do not meet this standard are financially sanctioned.

Due to the concerted effort of division staff and, most importantly, the addition of full-time social worker positions in FFY 2010 & 2012, monthly contact has increased substantially over the ensuing years. In FFY 2012, the goal of 90% monthly contact was surpassed. Research shows that regular social worker contact with children and families leads to more positive outcomes for children in state custody.



	SFY2009	SFY2010	SFY2011	SFY2012
Social Worker Positions	157	162	163	176