CFSR Permanency Outcome 1
Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.

Definition
Of all children in care on the first day of a 12-month period who had been in care (in that episode) between 12 and 23 months, what percentage are discharged to permanency within 12 months of the first day?

Adjusting on age controls for the fact that children of different ages have different likelihoods of experiencing the outcome, regardless of the quality of care a state provides.

National Performance
(A higher value is desirable.)

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Data Quality Checks Performed
- Dropped records (greater than 5%)
- AFCARS IDs do not match from one period to the next (greater than 40%)
- Missing date of birth (greater than 5%)
- Missing date of latest removal (greater than 5%)
- Date of birth after date of exit (greater than 5%)
- Age at entry is greater than 21 (greater than 5%)
- Age at discharge is greater than 21
- Date of discharge from last foster care episode
- Date of latest removal

Data Periods Used to Calculate the National Performance

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Data Elements Required for Risk-Adjusted Analysis
- AFCARS Foster Care Element # |
- Child's date of birth

Notes
- The trial home visit adjustment is not applied to this indicator.

INCLUSIONS
- Permanency includes discharges from foster care to reunification with the child's parents or primary caregivers, living with a relative, guardianship, or adoption.
- Youth entering at age 17 who turn 18 while in care or discharge at age 18 are not counted as achieving permanency.

EXCLUSIONS
- Children who are age 18 or older are excluded from this measure.
- Children who do not have a discharge reason are excluded.
- Children who reenter foster care within the same reporting period are excluded, as the AFCARS reporting structure does not support reporting of the discharge reason for first episode.

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