



# IARCA Outcome Measures Project

## *January 2021 Update*

### **2020 EON Data Entry Deadline: 2/14/2021**

Please have all data related to intakes, discharges, and follow-ups which occurred in 2020 entered in EON and the packets marked complete and reviewed by February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### **Changes in EON for 2021**

The IARCA Outcome Measures Project Taskforce identified several important changes which were implemented in EON during the first part of January 2021. [Click here](#) for a 10-minute webinar which shows the changes.

**Family Preservation** - agencies that provide home-based services can now distinguish between cases where the child/children and family are receiving services under the Family Preservation per diem or the Reunification hourly programs. Additionally, Family Preservation cases can be opened based on the oldest child in the family and siblings and parents can be listed on the family demographics page.

**Number of persons in family** - the menu has been changed so that you can now select up to 15 people.

**“Prior homebased services”** - this data point has been removed.

**Length of stay increased** - the minimum length of stay requiring completion of the discharge packet was increased from 15 days to 30 days because of the complexity of NCFAS.

**“Employed at discharge”** - was changed to better capture whether the youth has the skills necessary to secure and maintain employment, even if they are not currently working. New answer choices are:

1. N/A - Child is under 14 years of age
2. Child was employed full-time
3. Child was employed part-time
4. Child was not employed, but was employment ready (employment ready is defined in the tool)
5. Child was not employment ready

**NCFAS Scales** - there were several final changes to the NCFAS subscales that were mistakenly not incorporated into EON before the launch in 2020. Those corrections have since been made. They are:

*Environment Domain* - “Personal Hygiene” was removed

*Parental Capabilities Domain* - “Controls access to reading/media material” was removed and “Parental Resilience” was added

*Child Well-Being Domain* - “Children’s Relationship with Siblings and Peers” was combined into one; “Children’s Alcohol/Drug Use/Abuse” was added; and, “Social and Emotional Competence of Children” was added

*Youth Well-Being Domain* - “Youth’s Relationship with Siblings and Peers” was combined; “Youth’s Alcohol/Drug Use/Abuse” was added; and, “Social and Emotional Competence of Youth” was added

## Upcoming Changes to Provider Reports and Annual Report

One central change with the launch of Outcomes 2020 was to produce data based on matched sets. In the past, data from intake, discharge, and follow-up surveys were gathered by the year they were administered. Going forward, we'll be sharing data based on matching a child's intake with their discharge and follow-up survey. Doing so will allow us to produce discharge and follow-up data based on actual results a child experiences.

However, this will mean that the overall 2020 case numbers will be smaller than in years past because we will only include those cases where a child was admitted to, and discharged from, a program in 2020. Don't worry, though, no data will be lost. We'll include cases where a child was admitted in 2020 but discharged in 2021 in the 2021 Annual Report. And, over time, the numbers will come back up to our annual numbers from past reports as the matched data sets catch up with the analysis. You can expect your provider reports in May of this year.

The Institute also produces an Annual Report with summary data for the state. In 2021, this report will undergo a major facelift. While preserving the most important hard data that is included in the current report format, the report will now also include a narrative section to make the data come to life for readers. We'll be adding several real-life examples to this section so that we can ground some of the data in the lived experiences of Hoosier children and their families. Please keep an eye out for requests to collect stories in the next several weeks.

## NCFAS Training Resources

Did you know that IARCA has pulled together a special webpage full of training resources for NCFAS?

Here's the web address for it: <http://www.iarca.org/outcomes/ncfas>. On this page, you'll find:

- ◆ PowerPoint slides from the half-day NCFAS trainings the Institute presented in 2019 and 2020
- ◆ A 30 minute webinar on Outcomes 2020 changes to EON
- ◆ Recorded NCFAS Level II trainings, broken out by program type

Let us know if you would like to see some additional resources or trainings on elements of NCFAS added to this page!

## Project Staff Changes

In December 2020 Mark Hess resigned from his role as IARCA Outcome Measures Project Coordinator. We thank him for his 8 years of service and wish him the best in his future endeavors!

Amanda Briles has joined the IARCA team on a part-time basis to fulfill the essential duties related to the project. She previously worked for 8 years with an IARCA member agency, The Villages of Indiana, in several roles, most recently as Director of Quality Assurance and Staff Development.

Please direct questions regarding EON to either Amanda or Elaine Daniel as noted below:

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