

# FY 2026 Demonstration of Improvement (DOI)



# Demonstration of Improvement 101



Demonstration of Improvement (DOI) is a statutory requirement:

- ✓ Awardees to track and report information demonstrating that the program results in improvements for the eligible families participating in the program
- ✓ Demonstrate improvement in *at least 4 out of 6 benchmark areas*, that the model or models implemented by the awardee are intended to improve, following FY 2020 reporting and *every three years thereafter*



DOI assessment is done using Annual Performance Report Form 2 data



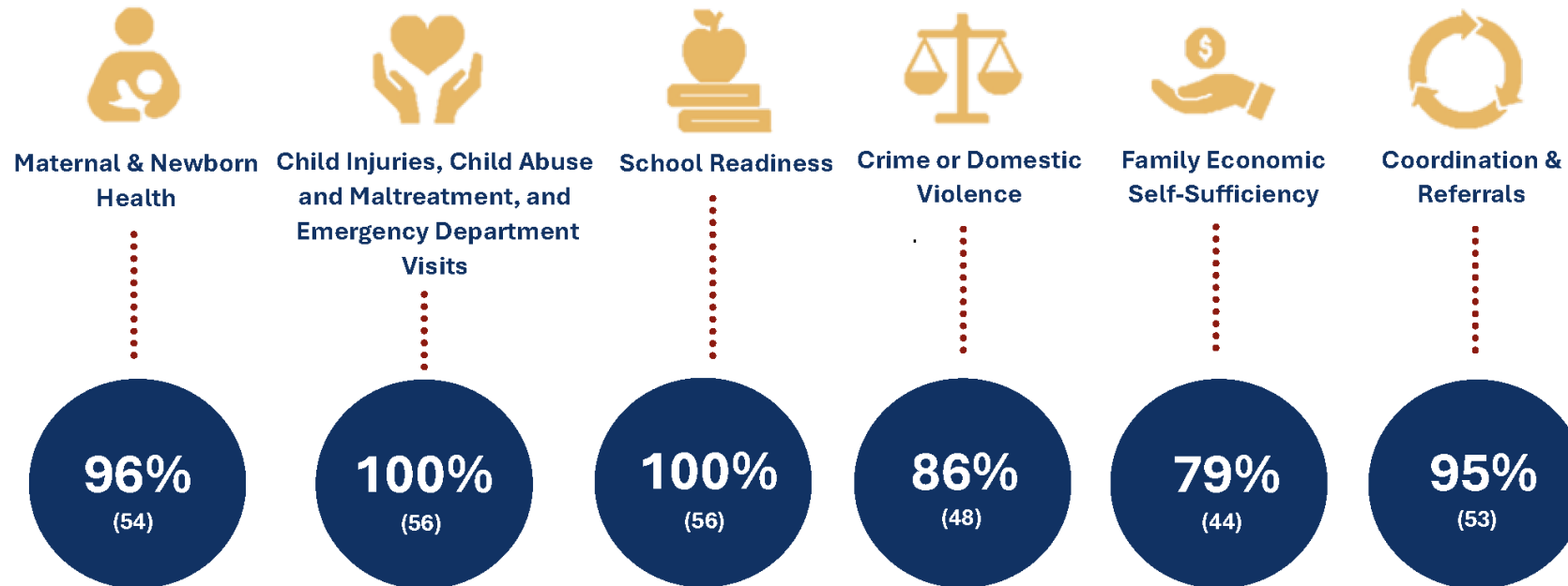
FY 2026 DOI will use Form 2 data from FY 2024, FY 2025, and FY 2026



See the MIECHV Data & CQI website for more resources on DOI

# Results from the FY 2023 Demonstration of Improvement

**100%** of MIECHV awardees (56) demonstrated improvement in at least 4 out of 6 benchmark areas in 2023



# How is Demonstration of Improvement Determined?

- Assess **Performance Measure-Level Improvement**
  - ✓ Was there improvement in each of 19 MIECHV Performance Measures?
- Assess **Benchmark-Level Improvement**
  - ✓ Was there improvement in each of 6 benchmark areas?
- *(If improvement in less than 4 of 6 benchmark areas)* Additional Considerations:
  1. Systems Outcomes Measures
  2. Model Alignment
  3. Opportunity for Awardees to Provide Additional Information



# How is Performance Measure-Level Improvement Determined?

For each of the 19 performance measures, FY 2026 performance data will be compared with **Awardee Baseline** and a **National Threshold**

To demonstrate improvement on a measure, awardees must meet one or both of the following criteria:

Show ANY CHANGE in the intended direction of the measure, compared with the Awardee Baseline

OR

Meet or exceed the National Threshold for a measure while at the same time not decreasing performance from the Awardee Baseline by 10% or more

**Awardee Baseline:** Mean of FY 2024 and FY 2025 for each measure, for each awardee

**National threshold:** Average of national mean values from FY 2024 and FY 2025 for each measure



# DOI Calculations: Awardee Baselines and Percent Change

**Awardee Baseline:** Mean of FY 2024 and FY 2025 for each measure, for each awardee

$$\text{Baseline value} = \frac{\text{FY 2024 performance value} + \text{FY 2025 performance value}}{2}$$

**Percent Change:**

$$\text{Percent change} = \frac{\text{FY 2026 performance value} - \text{baseline value}}{\text{baseline value}} \times 100$$



# DOI Calculations: National Thresholds

**National Threshold:** Average of national mean values from FY 2024 and FY 2025 for each measure

$$\text{FY 2024 national mean} = \frac{\text{Sum of 56 FY 2024 performance values}}{56}$$

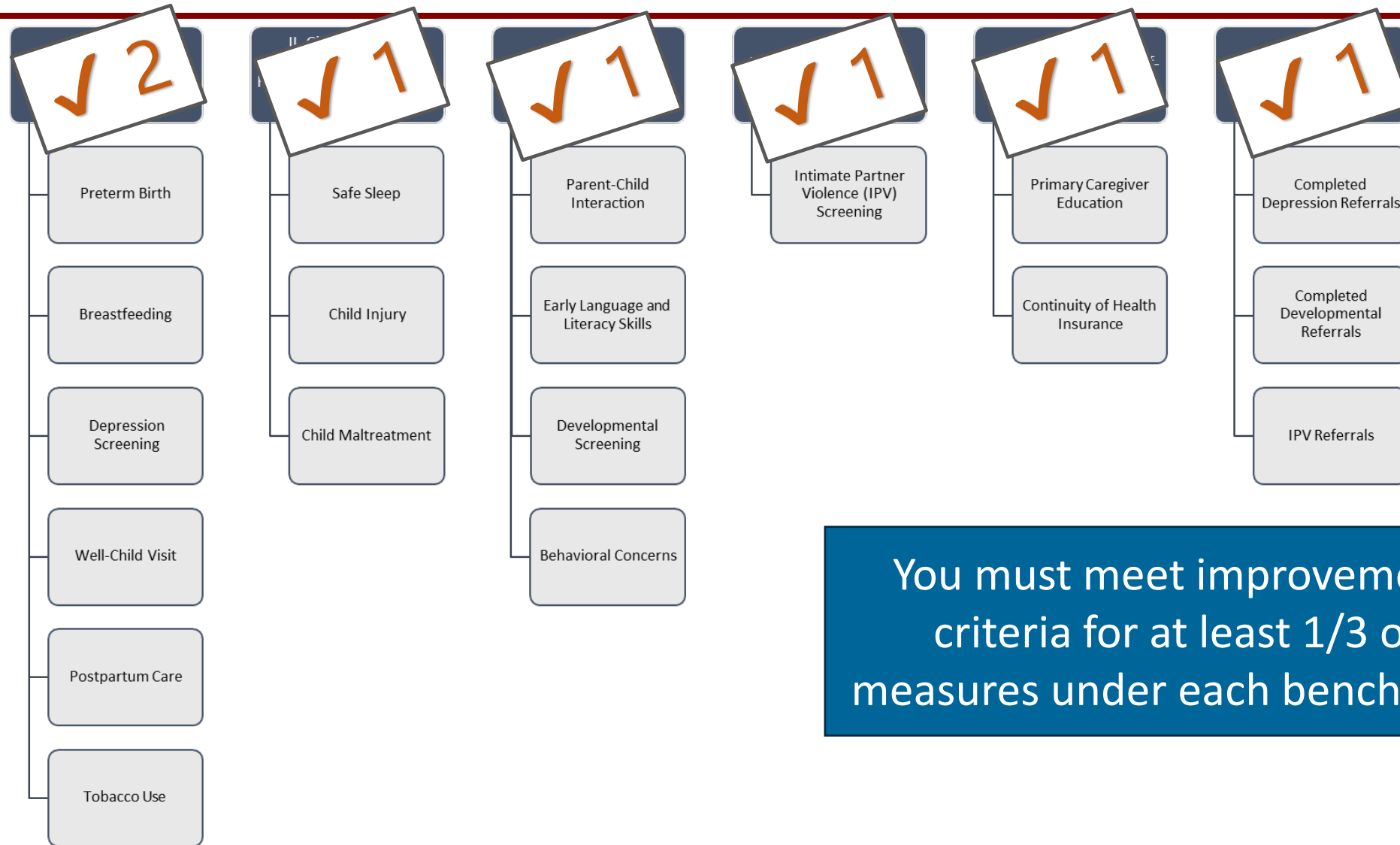
$$\text{FY 2025 national mean} = \frac{\text{Sum of 56 FY 2025 performance values}}{56}$$

$$\text{National Threshold} = \frac{\text{FY 2024 national mean} + \text{FY 2025 national mean}}{2}$$

Note: National Thresholds are calculated differently from National Averages in the Outcomes Dashboard!



# How is Benchmark-Level Improvement Determined?



You must meet improvement criteria for at least 1/3 of measures under each benchmark

# What if Demonstration of Improvement is not met?

- Opportunity to provide additional information:
  - Awardees will be further reviewed on Systems Outcome measures, model alignment, and additional information
- If Demonstration of Improvement is not met after providing additional information:
  - Awardees will develop and implement an Outcome Improvement Plan (OIP)
    - OIP will be finalized by October 1, 2027
    - OIP implementation will be complete by September 30, 2028, followed by reassessment of DOI



# Time to Assess and Plan for Improvement!

## Review the Data

- Look at FY 2024 and FY 2025 data and historical trends for each performance measure
- Plan for a mid-FY 2026 data review

Which performance measures do you want to take a closer look at? Which ones do you want to prioritize for improvement?

## Make a Plan

- Understand the why: conduct root cause and contextual analysis
- Set measure-specific goals

By September 30, 2026, the percent of families who read, sing, or tell stories with their children every day will increase from 45% to 55%

# FY 2026 DOI Timeline

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- **4/1/2026:** POs will email FY 2026 DOI Awardee Baselines and National Thresholds
- **Spring 2026:** HRSA will post the updated MIECHV Demonstration of Improvement Model Alignment Summary on the MIECHV Data and CQI website
- **10/31/2026:** FY 2026 MIECHV Annual Performance Report (Form 2) is due
- **Spring 2027:** HRSA will release results of the FY 2026 Demonstration of Improvement
- **10/1/2027:** Deadline for completion of Outcome Improvement Plan (if applicable)
- **9/30/2028:** Outcome Improvement Plan implementation period ends (if applicable)

