

- ii. Supporting data to demonstrate whether or not the project objectives and goals were met.

Since the inception of the grant in FY2014 through last fiscal year (FY2024), the successful discharge rate for families being served via the funding provided by the incentive grant has averaged 91% for Lowndes County families receiving FFT, which exceeds the target of 75% and exceeds the state average. The current (FY 2024-2025) rate of successful discharge for Lowndes County families stands at 94% for FFT, again exceeding the target set by the grant.

Please refer to the scorecard attached in **Exhibit A** for additional outcomes seen among Lowndes County youth and families receiving FFT. Utilization fell just below the expectation while the rate of Successful Completion, Short-term Recidivism, and Placements each exceeded the target set by the grant for the reported period.

- b. If problems were encountered in previous grants or objectives were not fully achieved, please provide a full description detailing both the issues and corrective action(s) taken.

Overall, the FFT services provided to youth and families in Lowndes County have been successful; however, this year, the number of referrals slowed down to the point of bringing utilization slightly below expectation. As a result, the county had to de-obligate \$26,000.00.

Correction Plan:

This year's request is 3 youth less than what was funded last grant year to adjust to the projected number of youth to be served.

EBA and Grace Harbour will meet with DJJ to staff cases and review potential referrals. EBA has plans to meet with the new judge to discuss the FFT program.

Additionally, with most intensive community based services conducted in the home, there exists the potential for families to struggle with managing participation (i.e., the time commitment) in the program while tending to other requirements and needs within the household. Some families struggle with engaging in FFT services, as they lack an understanding of the benefits. Therefore, FFT therapists may find it difficult to maintain consistent weekly sessions which can slow down progress and limit therapeutic gains for families. Although this has not seemed to be a concern in Lowndes County, EBA and Grace Harbour have implemented a new method for tracking treatment pacing in the FFT program to ensure this does not become an issue.

EBA has added a weekly treatment pacing tracker to the county census report to keep stakeholders informed of the dates and frequency of sessions and contacts, dates of cancellations, and any concerns regarding engagement for each family. Provider response times are also tracked to ensure families are receiving services timely and as quickly as possible once referred. Efforts to reach the family to initiate services are documented and reviewed in