

## Appendix E4: Identifying and Clarifying the Problem

What is the primary problem? (2-3 sentences)

What data do you have to help understand the problem and its causes?

What do you think the main factors are that drive it?

What are you currently doing to address the problem?

Using the existing data, review the following areas:

### Target Population

- Who is affected?
- What are the ages of the children impacted?
- Is it disproportionately impacting certain racial or ethnic groups or other specific demographic groups (special needs, medically fragile, etc.)?

Time Frame

- When in the child welfare process is it happening (before child welfare involvement, at referral, reunifications, etc.)?

Location

- Is there a geographic area that is most affected by the problem (clustered in one region of the county, spread throughout, etc.)?
- What type of delivery setting is most conducive to the area identified above (in-home, school-based, clinic-based, etc.)?