

HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Who We Are

The Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) provides Public Health Nurse consultation, oversight, and complex care management, to address the medical, dental, behavioral, and developmental needs of Foster Youth statewide. The program functions as a part of local Child Welfare and Juvenile Probation Departments, providing services that bridge the unique health needs experienced by this population and the traditional health care system.

What We Do

- » Help families access medical, dental, specialty providers, and community programs care system.
- » Coordinate care for foster children and youth placed with Resource Families.
- » Gather, update, and share information to ensure continuity of care that the child's or youth's Health and Education Passport (HEP) and care team is up to date, including vaccines.
- » Review medical records and health contact forms to assess health care needs.
- » Serve as a resource for social workers, resource families, health providers, foster children and youth, and community partners.
- » A central point of contact to bridge and connect the activities of the health care entities providing services to this population.

Learn more:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/hcpcf>



Family/Child Resources

Health Services Reporting Resources

- » [Resource Parent Guide](https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/FosterCare/ResourceParentGuide-0322.pdf)
(<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/FosterCare/ResourceParentGuide-0322.pdf>)
- » [Foster Youth Wellness Resources](https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/foster-care/foster-youth-wellness-resources)
(<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/foster-care/foster-youth-wellness-resources>)
- » If health services reporting forms or health contact forms are needed, please reach out to your child's assigned social worker or probation officer.

Provider Resources

Forms and Resources

- » [California Guidelines for the Use of Psychotropic Medication with Children in Foster Care](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/pharmacy/Pages/qip-foster-care.aspx)
(<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/pharmacy/Pages/qip-foster-care.aspx>)
- » [Contact Your Local County/City HCPCFC Program](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/HCPFC/Pages/CountyOffices.aspx)
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