

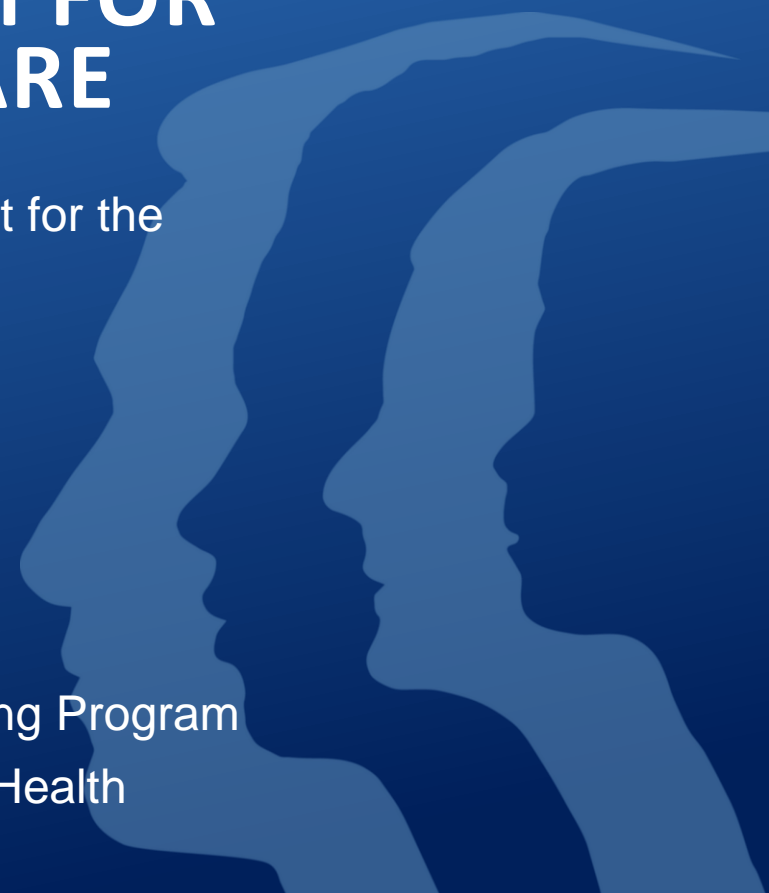


HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Comprehensive Nursing Care Management for the Most Vulnerable Children and Youth

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The Need

- Between 2019 and 2021, 26.5% of foster children across California had undergone 3 or more placement changes
- Need to transition health plans, providers, pharmacies, and support networks
- Profound loss of central oversight of health care needs of a highly medically complex children
- Changing social workers, initiation of services from a variety of programs and providers
 - Enhanced Care Management
 - California Children's Services
 - Regional Centers
 - Hospital or health system outreach

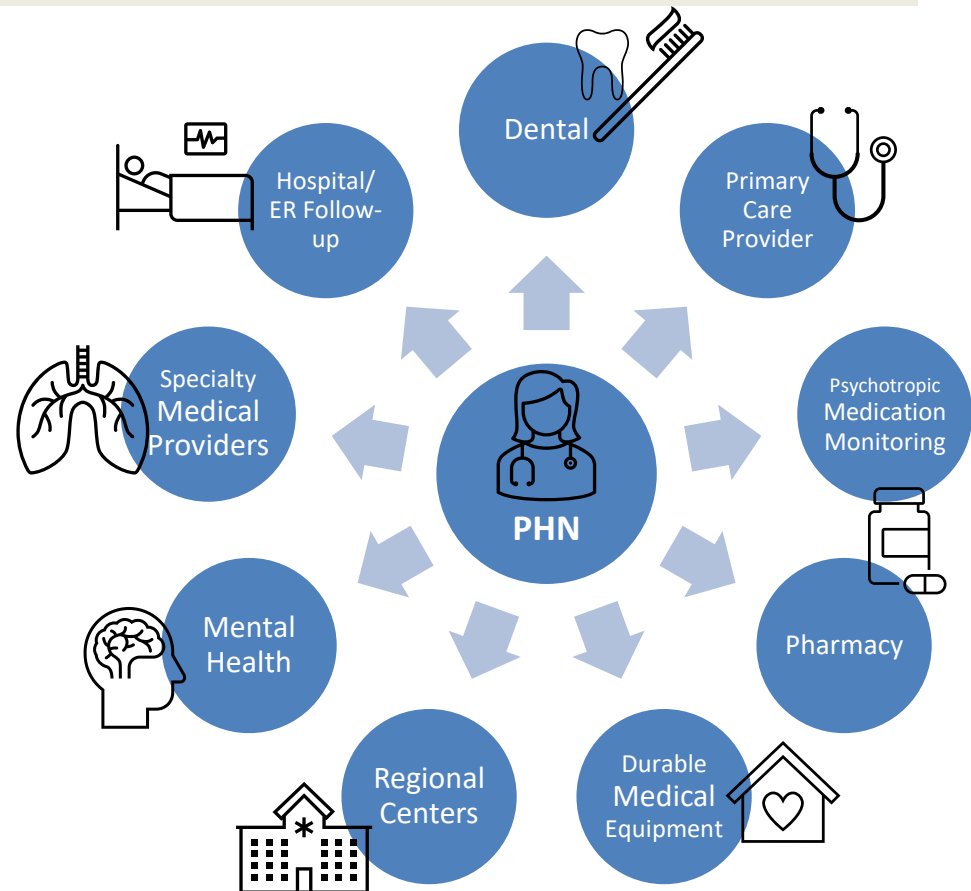


HCPCFC Mission

- The Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) is embedded in local Child Welfare Departments providing Public Health Nurse consultation, oversight, and management of the medical, dental, behavioral, and developmental needs of youth in out of home placement.
- The program functions as a part of local Child Welfare Departments, bridging the unique social determinates of health experienced by this population, health outcomes, and providers of health services.
- All California foster children and youth in out of home placement are eligible to receive HCPCFC services.
- HCPCFC serves: Foster Youth, as defined by Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 11400(f), Non-Minor Dependents (NMDs) as defined by WIC 11400 (v)(1-3), and Wards of the Juvenile Court as defined by WIC 450 who have been removed from their home

HCPCFC Model

- HCPCFC utilizes a comprehensive shared nursing care management model
- Serves as a central point of contact to bridge and connect all entities providing health services





HCPCFC Functions

- HCPCFC provides consultation and resource guidance to the multidisciplinary care team
- Addresses and oversees the medical, dental, developmental, and behavioral health needs of foster children and youth.
- Navigates the health care system to facilitate appropriate referrals and continuity of care for children and youth who are in out-of-home placement.

HCPCFC Administration

- HCPCFC is a CDSS program in which DHCS and CDSS partner to administer via an interagency agreement.
- Operated at the local level by local health departments at the county level
- Prior to July 2024, local CHDP programs provided administrative oversight of HCPCFC Program
- HCPCFC began operation as a standalone program on July 1, 2024

Operationalizing HCPCFC as a standalone program

- DHCS, in collaboration with HCPCFC leadership established the “Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care Program Manual.”
 - Provides guidelines on scope of work, key functions, performance measures, fiscal policy
- Administrative oversight budget for FY 2024-2025
 - One time local flexibility in staffing
- Navigating changing landscape of health care delivery
 - Cal AIM/ ECM Child Welfare Population of Focus
 - Managed Care Plan Child Welfare Liaison



Thank you!

Questions?

