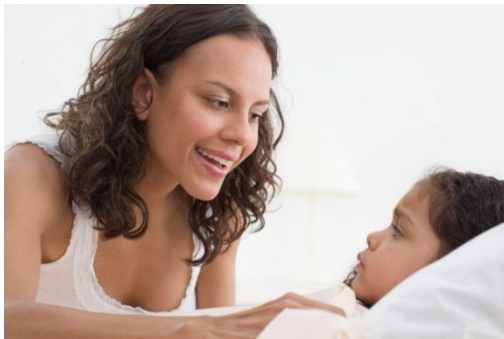


## Did You Know?

- There are currently about 1,800 children in foster care in San Diego County.
- Forty to sixty percent (40%-60%) have chronic medical conditions, such as: asthma, developmental delays, visual and hearing problems, dental decay, and poor nutrition.
- Lack of adequate medical records can result in over immunization and under treatment of chronic health conditions.



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# Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC)



"What its children become,  
That will the community become."  
- Suzanne LaFollette -



## Children in Foster Care

In the U.S., there is an estimated 437,000 children in the foster care system. California has among the highest number with about 60,000 children in out-of-home placement.

Children in foster care range from infants to adolescents and encompass all races and ethnicities.



**The HCPCFC is a collaborative effort by the County of San Diego, including Child and Family Well-Being (CFWB), Public Health Services, and Juvenile Probation.**

## Profile of HCPCFC

In 1999, the Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) was implemented to respond to concerns that arise from maltreatment, lack of continuity of health care, and frequent placement changes. The HCPCFC



provides Public Health Nurse (PHN) consultation, oversight, and complex care management, to address the medical, dental, behavioral, and developmental needs of Foster Youth statewide.

PHNs work in coordination with social workers and juvenile probation officers to ensure children receive preventive health care and treatment of identified health problems. PHNs also assist in the development and implementation of health service plans.



## PHNs

- Advocate for the child's health care needs.
- Assist foster parents in obtaining timely health care services.
- Expedite timely referrals for medical, dental, and mental health services.
- Follow children placed out-of-county to assure access to needed services.
- Facilitate referrals to early intervention providers, specialty providers, dentists, mental health providers, and other community programs.
- Oversee the creation and update of the Health and Education Passport (HEP), as required by law.
- Interpret medical reports for case workers and the courts.
- Educate social workers, judges, school nurses, probation officers, and others about the health care needs of children in foster care.



***Safety, Well-Being, Permanency***