

Consultation with Physicians or Appropriate Medical Professionals

All children who are placed in out of home care are required to have an initial medical examination as well as regular examinations throughout their out of home care placement. All foster children are eligible to participate in the Healthy Children and Youth Program (HCY) which includes routine medical and dental assessments with a physician. Foster parents or other placement providers arrange for these screenings and consult with the physician to develop a treatment plan, if necessary. The treatment plan is then discussed in the FST regarding significant medical needs that should be addressed for the child. Medical records are forwarded to Children's Service Worker for review and to maintain in the child's record.

All children in out of home care are eligible to receive mental health services. Many foster children receive an initial mental health assessment to assist with the trauma of removal. The mental health providers consult with the Children's Services Worker and participate in the FST. The mental health provider is an integral part of the Team and assists in developing a treatment plan for each youth. The provider may work with the individual child, the parents, siblings, and/or placement provider to address identified needs.