

Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) Program Activities: Program Guidance

HCPCFC Training Modules

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Program Guidance

- » Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) is a California Department of Social Services (CDSS) program, in which Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and CDSS partner to administer, via an interagency agreement. Program guidelines are established by CDSS, DHCS, and statutory authority.
- » In large part, references to regulation, letters, and notices within this training will be used in the place of the actual text. This approach is intended to support access to the most up-to-date information available regarding the given subject. Steps should be taken to confirm that additional guidance has not been issued and not yet integrated into this training, which can be done via the CDSS All County Letters and All County Information Notices (ACL/ACIN) and DHCS HCPCFC webpages.

Financial Policy & Program Administration

- » HCPCFC Public Health Nurse (PHN) Program Administrators may reference the HCPCFC Financial Policy and Procedure (P&P) to obtain information regarding financial requirements, procedures, staffing, onboarding, and other additional guidance in the administration of this program.

DHCS Issued Guidance

- » **DHCS Program Letters:** All DHCS issued publications pertaining to the HCPCFC. Letters dated back to 1999 and information ranging from sample duty statements to allocation information and program guidance updates.
- » **HCPCFC Program Manual:** Provides programmatic guidelines and practical information for HCPCFC PHNs to successfully collaborate with child welfare and probation service team members to help children and youth in who are in out-of-home placement achieve best outcomes.
- » **HCPCFC Financial P&P:** Obtain information regarding financial requirements, procedures, staffing, onboarding, additional guidance in the administration of this program.

CDSS Issued Guidance

- » **All County Information Notice (ACIN) [I-55-99](#)**: Foster Care Public Health Nurse Program in County Welfare Departments
- » **All County Letter (ACL) [99-108](#)**: (December 2, 1999) Instructions Regarding Local Memorandum of Understanding for HCPCFC.
- » **ACL [17-22](#)**: (March 1, 2017) Updated Health Assessment and Dental Periodicity Schedules
- » **ACL [17-22E](#)**: (December 4, 2017) Updated Health Assessment and Dental Periodicity Schedules Errata

Psychotropic Medication

- » **ACIN 1-[20-08](#)**: (March 26, 2008) Psychotropic Medications
- » **ACIN I-[36-15](#)**: (May 12, 2015) Improving Safety for Children in Foster Care Receiving Psychotropic Medications
- » **ACIN I-[36-15E](#)**: (June 17, 2015) Improving Safety for Children in Foster Care Receiving Psychotropic Medications Errata
- » **ACL [16-96](#)**: (December 5, 2016) State General Fund Appropriation for the Monitoring and Oversight of Psychotropic Medication by Foster Care Public Health Nurses

Reproductive & Sexual Health

- » **ACL [16-82](#)**: (September 30, 2016) Reproductive And Sexual Health Care and Related Rights for Youth and Non-Minor Dependents in Foster Care
- » **ACL [18-44](#)**: (May 1, 2018) New and Revised Resource Materials Regarding Healthy Sexual Development and Pregnancy Prevention for Youth in Foster Care
- » **ACL [18-61](#)**: (June 20, 2018) New Mandates Regarding Case Plan Documentation and Training Related to Reproductive and Sexual Healthcare in Foster Care
- » **ACIN I-[06-20](#)**: (January 27, 2020) New Resources for Case Management Workers for Documenting, Protecting and Sharing Reproductive and Sexual Health Information for Youth and Non-Minor Dependents (NMDs) in Foster Care

Pregnancy

- » **ACL [16-88](#)**: (October 12, 2016) California's Plan for the Prevention of Unintended Pregnancy
- » **ACL [16-32](#)**: (April 28, 2016) Documentation of pregnancy and parenting in the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) for minor and non-minor dependents (NMDs).
- » **ACL [21-123](#)**:(October 8, 2021) New Expectant Parent Payment
- » **ACIN I-[45-22](#)**: (May 16, 2022) Supplemental Guidance and Tools to Support Expectant Parents in Foster Care

Parenting

- » **ACIN I-[73-16](#)**: (October 19, 2016) Updated information and guidance regarding how to document minor and Non-Minor Dependent (NMD) parents in the CWS/CMS. This ACIN updates the guidance regarding documentation of parenting data provided in ACL [16-32](#).

Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity & Expression (SOGIE)

- » **ACL [19-20](#)**: (March 13, 2019) Documentation of Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) in the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS)
- » **ACL [21-149](#)**: (January 6, 2022) Guidance and instruction regarding the documentation of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) information into CWS/CMS. This ACL builds upon the guidance provided in ACL 19-20.

Exceptional/Complex Needs

- » **County Fiscal Letter (CFL) [23/24-09](#)**: (August 24, 2023) Fiscal Year 2023-24 Complex Care Child Specific General Fund Planning Allocation
- » **[Complex Care Resource Guide](#)**

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