

Update on Strategies for Timely Medical and Dental Exams

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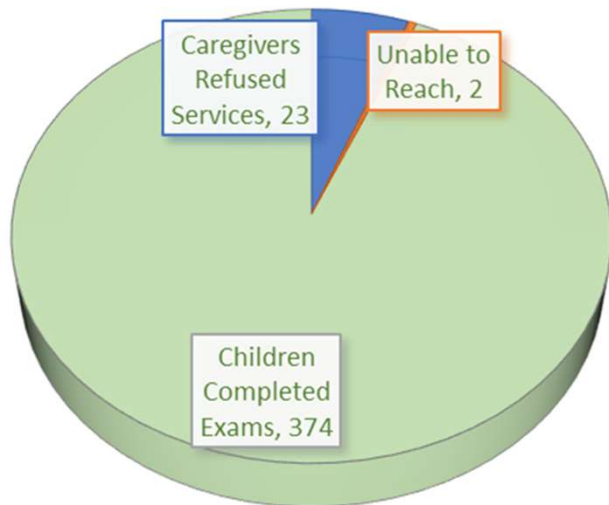


- Point-in-time data as of 9/30/23 shows 352 children 0-17 in out-of-home placement were required to have medical and dental exams.
 - 12.7% (n=45) missed medical exams
 - 27.8% (n=98) missed dental exams
- Dental exams continue to be challenging and DFCS maintains work with the Local Oral Health Collaborative.
- Social Media Campaign started in November to improve dental health and educate providers and caregivers of the possible impacts of trauma on foster youth seeking dental care.
- Discussing incentives program to encourage dental health.

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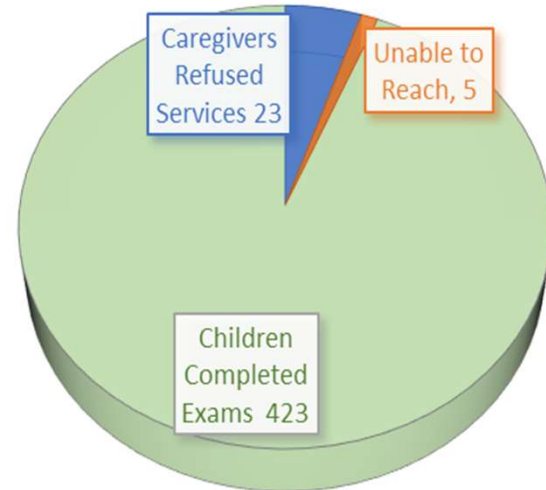
The Healthier Kids Foundation has processed 1009 referrals since implementation through September 30, 2023

MEDICAL SERVICES CLOSED



Of the medical referrals, 24 were still active.
Of the 399 closed referrals, 93.7% were due to successful completion of exams.

DENTAL SERVICES CLOSED



Of the dental referrals, 37 were still active.
Of the 451 closed referrals, 93.8% closed due to successful completion of exams.

Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC)

- The HCPCFC PHNs and manager have fully returned to their assignments and all positions are full with no staff on leave.
- State funding reduction led to a decrease in two PHNs, currently 6 PHNs and one manager.
- While an increase in caseloads, still lower than state average.
- DFCS and HCPCFC continue monthly meetings to ensure children's needs are met.

