

# Update on Strategies for Timely Medical and Dental Exams

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Board of Supervisors Meeting  
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# Current Data

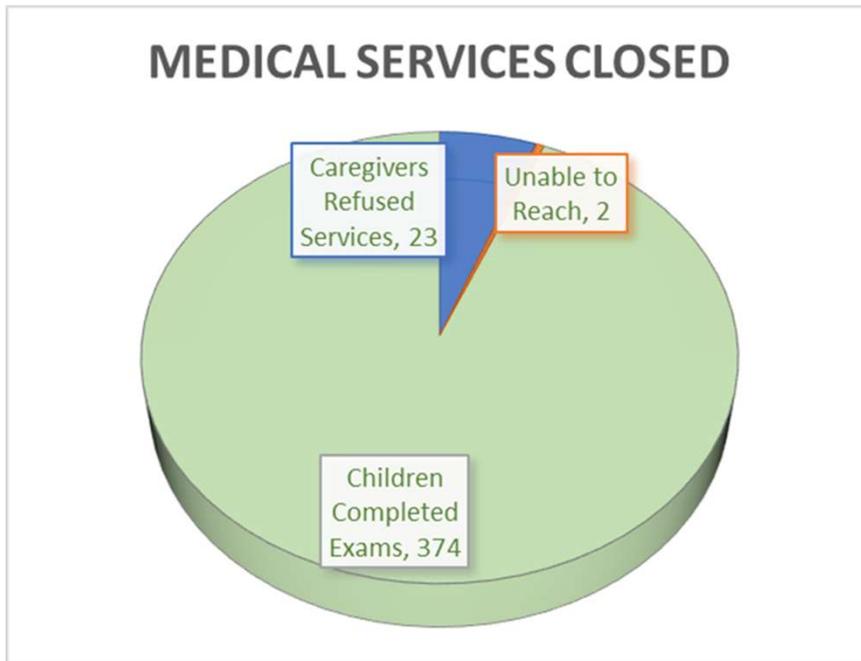
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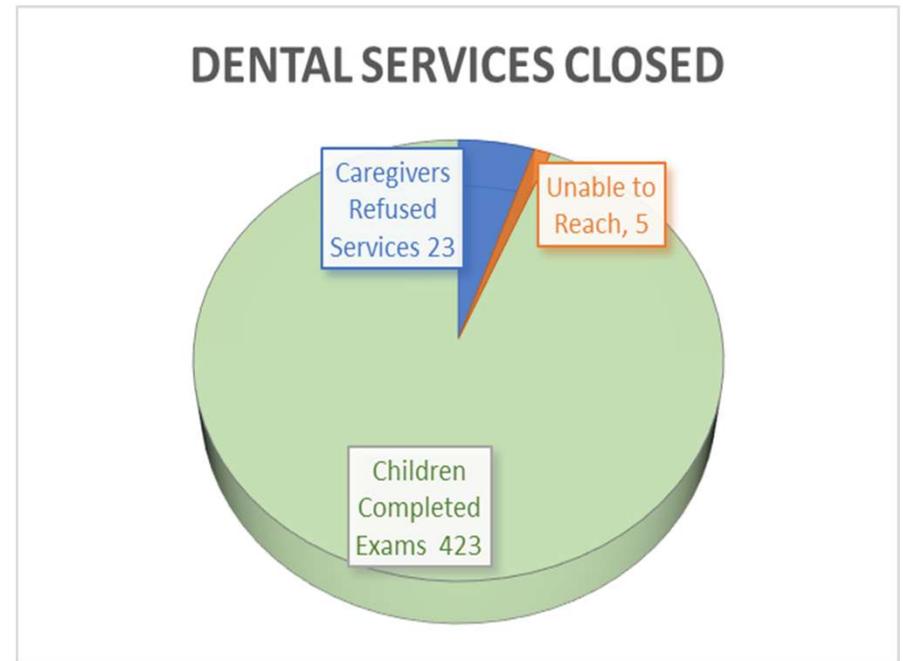
- Point-in-time data as of 9/30/23 shows 352 children 0-17 in out-of-home placement were required to have medical and dental exams.
  - 12.7% (n=45) missed medical exams
  - 27.8% (n=98) missed dental exams
- Dental exams continue to be challenging and DFCS maintains work with the Local Oral Health Collaborative.
- 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.

# Current Data

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



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



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)

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- 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.

