

## FOSTER CARE IN SC

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## SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS



35-45% have a chronic health condition



15% have a birth defect



80% have a significant mental health problem



60% have developmental delay (Child less than 5)



45% have academic underachievement



20% have significant dental problem

## BARRIERS TO ACCESS







TIME CONSUMING AND CHALLENGING

LACK OF MEDICAL RECORDS

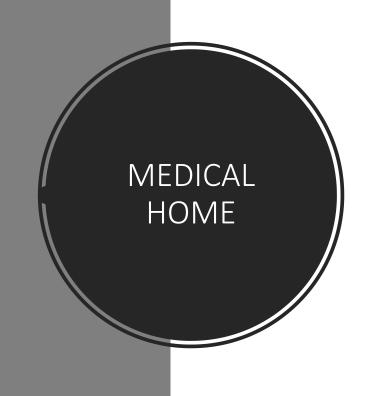
CONSENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY ISSUES





INSUFFICIENT FUNDING

POOR COMMUNICATION



Accessible

High quality

Comprehensive and coordinated care

Trauma informed

Family centered

Child focused

Continuous over time

## FOSTER CARE FRIENDLY PRACTICE



Health summaries/ care plans



System for communicating health summary to caseworker

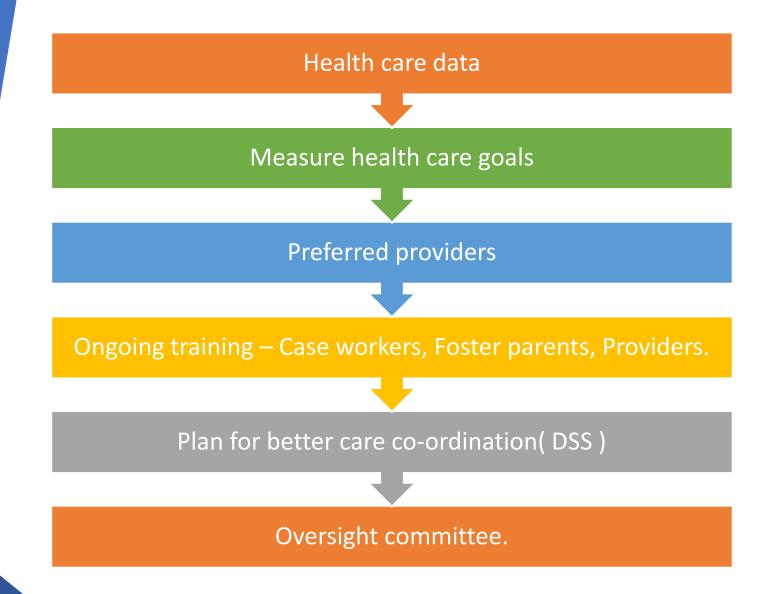


Trauma-informed care training for staff



Trauma sensitive approach (validating Children's feelings, speaking with compassion about birth parents, involve older kids in care)

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WHAT CAN WE DO?

Trauma informed- Healthy Foster Care America website, AAP policy statements

**COFCAKC** section membership

Preferred provider

Foster care friendly practice

