

# HEALTHWORKS

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# HEALTHWORKS of ILLINOIS

- Established as the Department of Children and Family Services plan for the ongoing oversight and coordination of health care for children in foster care.
- Combined effort of the Department of Human Services, the Illinois Department of Public Aid, and the Illinois Department of Public Health.
- Enforced by the federal court system.



# INITIAL HEALTH SCREENING

All children new to DCFS custody must have an Initial Health Screening:

- ▶ Performed within 24 hours.
- ▶ Before the child is placed in a foster home.



- ▶ 1. Identify any immediate medical problems.
- ▶ 2. Treat any medical needs.
- ▶ 3. Identify and treat any signs of physical abuse, sexual abuse or neglect.
- ▶ 4. Treat any infection or diseases.
- ▶ 5. Give the DCFS case worker information to make the right placement for the child.



# SELECTING A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN

- ▶ **1.** All children in substitute care must have a HealthWorks doctor who coordinates well and sick child care, shots and referrals to specialists.
- ▶ **2.** If a physician is needed, HealthWorks of McHenry County will refer to a HealthWorks doctor to treat the child.

# COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EVALUATION

*Must be done by the child's HealthWorks Primary Care Doctor within 21 days of DCFS custody.*

## AT THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EVALUATION:

- ▶ **1.** The foster child's health history is reviewed and updated.
- ▶ **2.** A medical exam is completed by the doctor.
- ▶ **3.** Any health needs and recommendations are made.
- ▶ **4.** Update all past and present health care information in the child's Health Passport.

# HEALTH PASSPORT

- Very important document in HealthWorks
- Used to keep the medical history of the child until they leave DCFS custody or reach the age of 21.
- Lets each doctor view the child's history and aids them in making better medical decisions.



## THE FOSTER CHILD'S HEALTH PASSPORT SHOULD GO:

- ▶ 1. To every doctor's appointment.
- ▶ 2. To every Administrative Care Review (ACR).
- ▶ 3. With the foster child if the child is moved to a new foster home.
- ▶ 4. With the foster child if they return home.

# MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT

## Medical Case Manager:

- ▶ **1.** Gathers the child's health history to be used at the Comprehensive Health Evaluation.
- ▶ **2.** Calls to get health information about the foster child in care.
- ▶ **3.** Reminds of doctor appointments.
- ▶ **4.** Monitors health care needs of all children in custody of DCFS up to child's sixth birthday.
- ▶ **5.** Provides medical case management for children six years of age or older new to DCFS custody for the first 45 days of custody.
- ▶ **6.** Completes age appropriate assessments and contacts, establishes and maintains care plan, documents all medical visits, referrals and immunizations
- ▶ **7.** Provides updated medical information for the child's caseworker to be included in Administrative Case Reviews (ACR)

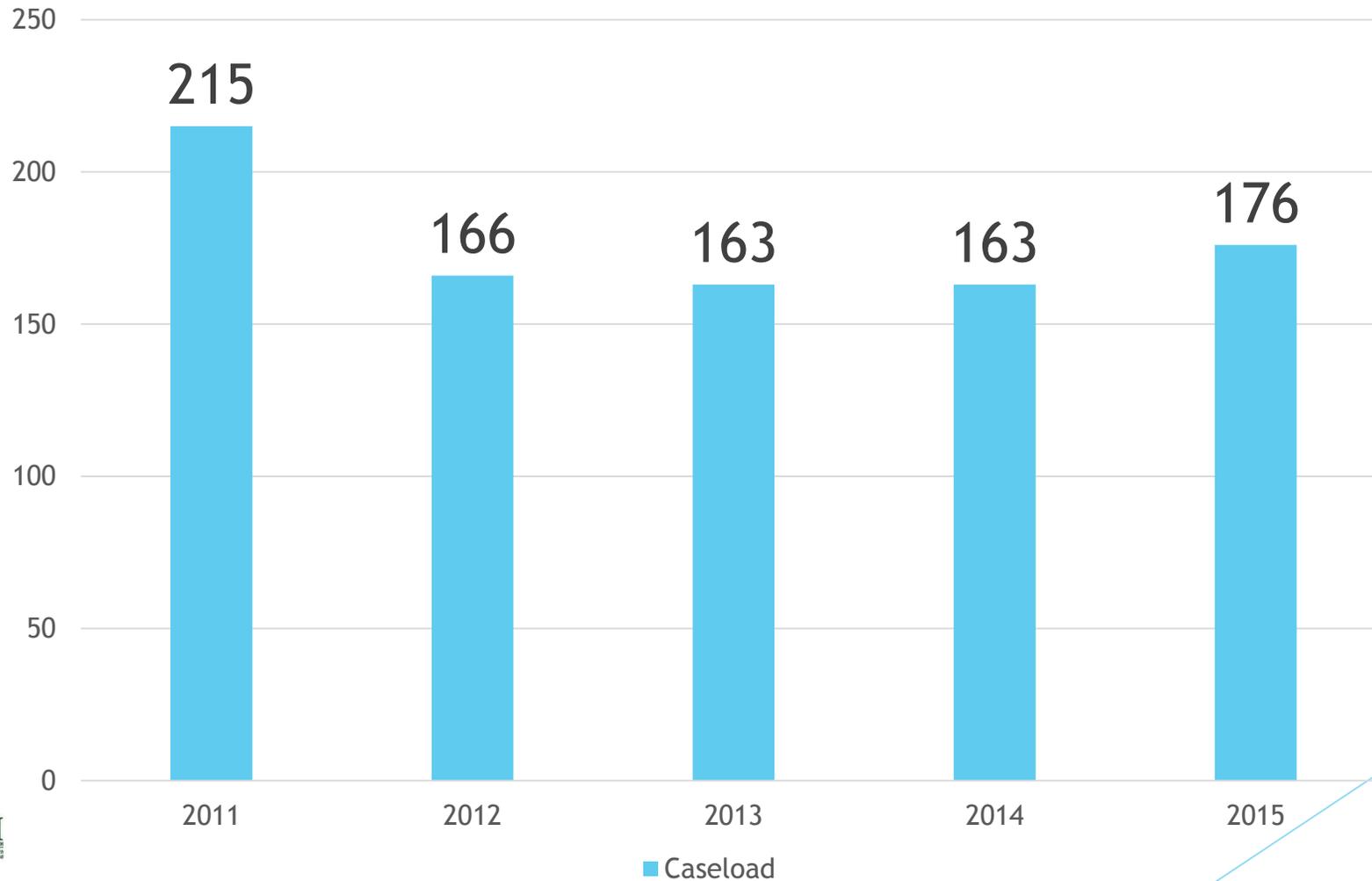
# CHILDREN OVER 6

HealthWorks of McHenry County assists in medical follow-up for children in foster care over 6 by annually providing the caseworker with the following:

1. Annual Medical Exam
2. Immunizations
3. Annual Dental Exam



# Caseload: *Number of McHenry County children served in substitute care*



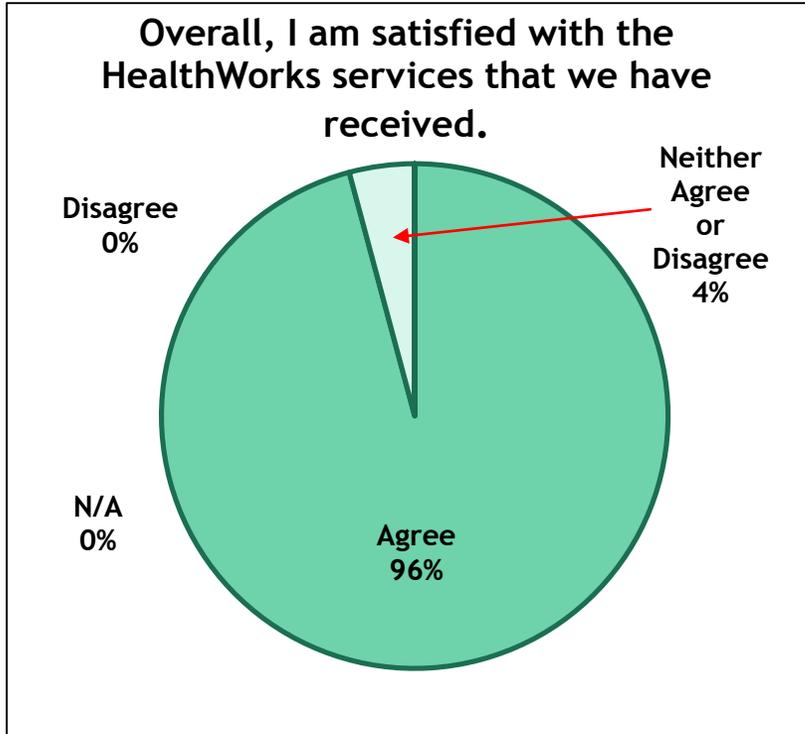
# Program Statistics:

## HealthWorks Client Summary for Wards Age 0 Through 5 Quarter Ending 03/31/2016

Number of Wards	Wards Current With Immunizations		Wards Current With EPSDT Visits		Wards With PCP	
	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Count	Pct
<b>94</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>94.7%</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>98.9%</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>98.9%</b>

# FY16 Annual Foster Parent Satisfaction Survey Results

## Comments from Foster Parents:



"Kim is wonderful! Very kind, personable and knowledgeable! The same goes for Lisa."

"Love Lisa and all that she does. She is awesome!"

"McHenry County has done the best job."

"Very helpful. Lori was very helpful and responsive."

"Lisa Hanley has been awesome to work with. Always so helpful."

"Wonderful"

"We love our HealthWorks reps."

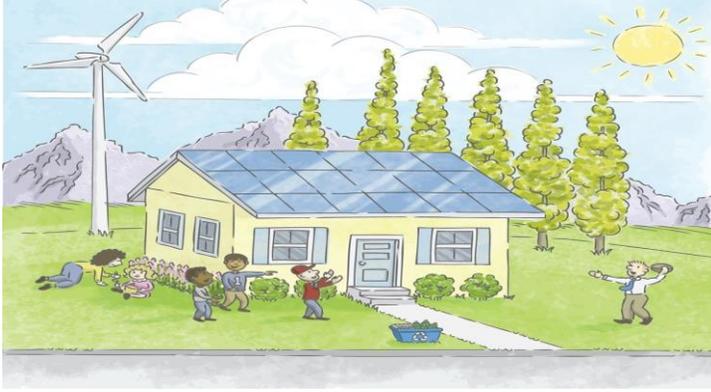
"Lisa is wonderful! I don't know where I'd be without her. She has been so helpful when I needed to find a new physician and dentist for my foster child. Always. I am very satisfied with HealthWorks!"

"Lori has been incredibly helpful and patient in talking us through our responsibilities as first-time foster parents and explaining our options with the help available through HealthWorks. I have contacted her more than once for help and she was great!"

"They are great."

"Lisa has gone over and beyond."

"Excellent work; we are very pleased."



# HealthWorks

serves children placed by DCFS in substitute care  
in McHenry County

State mandated to monitor and ensure medical care for all IL Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) wards ages 0–21 placed in foster homes in McHenry County

Provide referrals and access to primary care providers for children in placement

Gather all previous and current medical information for wards in placement

Forward all medical information to assigned DCFS case worker

Complete medical evaluation and summary for Administrative Case Reviews completed every 6 months for wards in placement

Work closely with foster parents to facilitate and monitor needed services

