

Vulnerable Children & Transition Age Youth Health Agency Workgroup

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Workgroup Objective

To improve health, public health, and mental health outcomes for children and vulnerable youth through enhanced collaboration among the three Health Agency Departments – Health, Mental Health, and Public Health.



Goal 1



Ensure each DCFS detained child/youth receives a Mental Health, Health, and Substance Abuse screening or assessment within a 30 days

Goal 2



Ensure 100% of children/youth identified by DCFS as Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) receive a HUB health mental and health screening within 30 days of identification

Goal 3



Ensure at least 90% released from probation camp whose families do not report having a Primary Care Physician (PCP) are linked to a DHS clinic

Treatment Settings



- *Child Welfare Medical HUBS*
- *Probation Camps*

What is a Medical Hub?



The countywide Medical Hub System is a partnership between the Department of Health Services, the Department of Mental Health (DMH), and DCFS. Medical Hubs provide services for DCFS-served children who are newly detained.

Medical Hubs also serve as a main entry point for high need youth, Transitional Age Youth (TAY), Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC), and LGBTQI2-S.

Co-located Services at Hubs

DMH	DHS	DPH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record review
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MH Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forensic Evaluation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linkage
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisis Intervention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing Medical Care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV/STD partner services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linkage 		



Medical Hub Target Populations

- *Newly-detained DCFS children placed in out-of-home care. Newly detained children placed out of Los Angeles County are excluded.*
- *Children who are in need of a forensic evaluation to determine abuse and/or neglect who are under DCFS referral or case status.*
- *Children with special medication conditions (i.e. diabetes, hemophilia, etc.)*
- *Youth identified as CSEC (Commercially Sexually Exploited Children)*

Additional populations are served based on capacity at each Medical Hub.

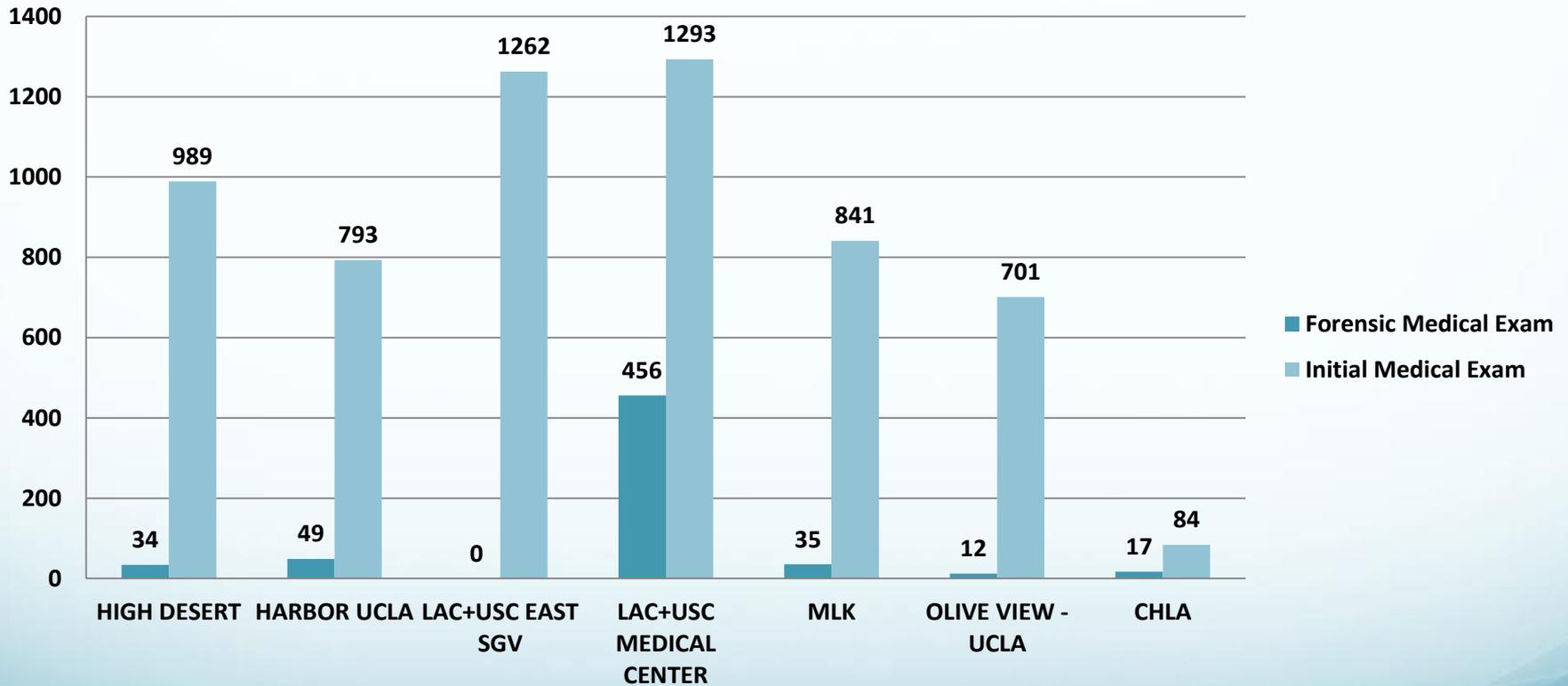


What Medical Hubs Offer

- *Compassionate care by medical providers who understand the needs of children, families and caregivers in the child welfare system;*
- *Services for children in all stages of DCFS involvement, including medical assessments of suspected child abuse or neglect, comprehensive medical exams for children entering out-of-home care, and ongoing well-child care and sick visits.*
- *Linkages to pediatric specialty care for children with complex medical needs;*
- *Board-certified child abuse pediatricians and child interview specialists with extensive training in assessing suspected child abuse and neglect;*
- *Close coordination with DCFS Children's Social Workers, Public Health Nurses and the Department of Mental Health, to ensure that identified health, mental health and developmental needs are addressed*

Medical Hub Data

**Number of Newly Detained Exams by Type of Exam
2015-16**



Probation Camps



- Afflerbaugh
- Dorothy Kirby Center
- Gonzales
- Holton
- Jarvis
- McNair
- Onizuka
- Paige
- Resnik
- Rockey
- Scobee
- Scott
- Scudder
- Smith

Probation Camp Services provides services to youth ages 16 to 20 with SED , SPMI, those with co-occurring substance disorders and/or those who have suffered trauma.

Services in the Probation Camps are critical in assisting this population to reach their maximum potential and eventually transition back to the community rather than continue their involvement in the criminal justice system as adults.

Next Steps

- *Gather Stakeholder feedback regarding metrics*
- *Further refine metrics which reflect an integrated practice*
- *Identify best data sources which reflect actual need*
- *Work with Agency partners leadership to assure quality integrated care and ensure that measures are reflective of an improved practice*
- *Identify a Parent Partner representative*

