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)
FOSTER CARE HEALTH CARE REFORM IN SC

Health care data

Measure health care goals

Preferred providers

Ongoing training – Case workers, Foster parents, Providers.

Plan for better care co-ordination (DSS)

Oversight committee.
WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Trauma informed- Healthy Foster Care America website, AAP policy statements
- COFCAKC section membership
- Preferred provider
- Foster care friendly practice