

## Coming Fall 2015!

# Apple Health Foster Care

**Apple Health Foster Care (AHFC)** is a statewide managed health care plan designed to coordinate and improve access to physical and behavioral health care, treatment, and services specifically for:

- Children and youth in the placement and care authority of DSHS or participating in Extended Foster Care up to age 21\*
- Youth who age out of foster care up to age 26
- Children and youth in the Adoption Support program up to age 21\*\*

Note: \*Children and youth in guardianships are not included in the covered populations for AHFC

\*\*Children in the care and custody of a federally recognized Tribe in Washington State will have the option to enroll in AHFC, choose a different Apple Health managed care plan, or remain fee-for-service.

### What AHFC offers

- **Nurse help-line for caregivers and caseworkers – available 24/7**
- Recruitment of physical and mental health care providers who understand the principals of providing trauma informed care and have experience treating children who have been abused or neglected
- Statewide access to coordinated medical and behavioral health care services through a network of providers (doctors, nurses, hospitals, clinics, psychiatrists, therapists, etc.)\*

Note: \*Intensive behavioral health services will still be provided through the Regional Support Networks.

### Fostering Well-Being Care Coordination Unit (FWB CCU)

The FWB CCU will partner with the new AHFC plan, caregivers, and CA case workers to manage the health care of children and youth in foster care programs.

### Watch For

- Announcement in mid-August of the successful bidder chosen to administer the AHFC plan.
- Notifications about regional informational meetings with CA staff and caregivers.
- Information in the Caregiver Connection, regional caregiver Face Book pages, and other forms of communication with caregivers and parents.

### Questions?

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