

OOHC Health Pathway e-learning course



Who is this course for?

This free online course has been developed for Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) and NGO practitioners, including caseworkers to help them implement the OOHC Health Pathway Program. The course has been developed by the DCJ in consultation with NSW Health.

Why was this course developed?

Children and young people in OOHC have increased rates of physical, developmental, emotional and mental health problems compared with their peers in the general community.

Course duration

This course will take approximately one hour to complete, and includes reading the material, quizzes, videos, case studies and reflective activities. It is designed to be undertaken individually, but can also be used as a prompt for discussion between colleagues.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the course participants will be able to:

- ❖ Understand why improving health outcomes for children in care is important.
- ❖ Identify and describe the key steps in the OOHC Health Pathway, who is responsible for undertaking them and by when.
- ❖ Identify their local district OOHC Health Coordinator and describe how to work with them.
- ❖ Identify what needs to be included when completing an OOHC Health Referral Form.
- ❖ Identify the steps that should be undertaken to implement a Health Management Plan in conjunction with key stakeholders.
- ❖ Identify the steps that need to be undertaken to ensure that the child or young person's Health Management Plan is reviewed in accordance with the required schedule.
- ❖ Commit to embedding the OOHC Health Pathway into ongoing casework practice.

To visit the course go to:

<https://rise.articulate.com/share/b3Zb5JSk2GDs-CnWOzFQnCL2JrLQmMOS>

OOHC Health Pathway resources

What other information is available to help practitioners implement the OOHC Health Pathway?

Practitioners including DCJ and NGO caseworkers can access the DCJ website for more information about implementing the OOHC Health Pathway.

See: [OOHC Health Pathway Resources and Tools](#)

Includes the following factsheets and resources:

[OOHC Health Pathway – A guide for caseworkers](#)

The Health Pathway aims to ensure that every child or young person entering statutory out of home care (OOHC) receives timely and appropriate health assessment, intervention, monitoring and review of their health needs.

[OOHC 2A Primary Health Assessment Forms](#)

These 2A age specific Primary Health Assessment forms can be used to ensure that all domains of health are addressed for children and young people in OOHC.

[OOHC Health Coordinators](#)

Each Local Health District has an OOHC Health coordinator responsible for managing and coordinating referrals across all facilities in their district. Contact details for OOHC Health Coordinators are found here.

[My Health Record factsheets](#)

The My Health Record is the Australian Governments new Digital Health System. It has benefits for children and young people in OOHC as well as safety implications. These factsheets provide further information to caseworkers, young people, birth parents and carers.

[Consent for medical and dental treatment of children and young people in statutory OOHC factsheet](#)

An overview of who has authority to provide consent for medical and dental treatments on behalf of children and young people in statutory OOHC who are being cared for by an authorised carer.

[Medical and Dental Consent Tool](#)

This tool provides details about who has the authority to give consent for a range of medical and dental treatments for child and young people who are being cared for by an authorised carer whom DCJ holds all or some parental responsibility which includes medical treatment.

Medicare number processes for children and young people entering OOHC

To ensure that children and young people in OOHC are able to have their health needs met it is a requirement that they have a Medicare number to access services funded by Medicare. This factsheet provides details on how to obtain a Medicare number or card for children in OOHC.

Behaviour support guidelines for OOHC

These guidelines provides high level guidance on appropriately supporting behaviour, behaviour support planning, prohibitive and restrictive practise for children and young people in OOHC.

Where can practitioners go if they have questions about implementing the OOHC Health Pathway?

Practitioners can email permanency.support@dcj.nsw.gov.au