WHAT TO EXPECT

- For most patients, initial visits include a review of all available health and child protection information prior to placement, complete physical examination and relevant testing evaluations. Behavioral and developmental screenings will be completed to identify and coordinate care for those specific needs.

- Subsequent visits allow more time to discuss your child’s needs than what is typical for well-child and sick-child visits.

- A full service lab is on-site for routine child and adolescent needs.

- Prompt and ongoing communication with other medical and behavioral health providers and child protective services workers.

- Access to a care coordinator to support the child and foster or kinship caregivers.

- Coordinated access to services provided during the out-of-home placement period and transition to permanent placement.

Fostering Connections Program
Offering comprehensive healthcare services for children and adolescents placed in out-of-home care

The Fostering Connections Clinic at Sharon Woods
1777 E. Dublin-Granville Road
Columbus, OH 43229
Open Tuesdays

The Fostering Connections Clinic at Eastland
4434 Crossroads Center
Columbus, OH 43232
Open Fridays

Main Location – The Center for Family Safety and Healing
To schedule an appointment at any of the sites listed below, make a referral, or learn more about the Fostering Connections Program, contact the Fostering Connections Care Coordinator at (614) 722-6789.

Additional Locations
**SPECIALTY CARE**

Foster and kinship caregivers can make all the difference during this crucial time in a child's life. The special challenges these children face may require additional support not typically offered by many healthcare providers. In these cases, a more coordinated approach to the unique care needs of a child and family is available at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

From initial assessments to evaluations for medical, developmental and behavioral needs, our professionals are ready to serve you with a 24/7 on-call service of physicians who specialize in providing healthcare to children and adolescents, including those who may have experienced trauma in their lives.

Conveniently located in The Center for Family Safety and Healing on the Nationwide Children’s campus, we offer easy access, free parking and a full range of services provided by our care coordinator, doctors, nurses and support team.

In addition, we offer services at our two off-campus locations. These are conveniently located at Sharon Woods and Eastland.

Whether your child needs ongoing care or a sick-child visit, our multidisciplinary team of professionals are available to work with you.

**PROGRAM SERVICES**

The Fostering Connections Program is a clinical partnership between The Center for Family Safety and Healing and Franklin County Children Services that offers comprehensive healthcare services to children placed in out-of-home care.

The program provides:
- initial medical, developmental and behavioral evaluations upon placement into care
- complete well-child and sick-child visits
- 24/7 availability of a dedicated physician group practice
- access to behavioral health and developmental services
- support to children in foster and kinship care and their families

**NATIONWIDE CHILDREN’S**

Nationwide Children’s has highly trained professionals whom you can trust with your child’s healthcare needs. All of the benefits of a nationally recognized pediatric care center are available with the personalized care of a private office setting for your child. Sensitivity to the special needs of children placed in out-of-home care and assistance to families caring for these children provide optimal health during this transition time.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES**

Franklin County Children Services is committed to safety, permanency and well-being for every child it serves. The agency is also committed to keeping families together whenever possible. However, some children need to be removed from their birth families. In those turbulent times, foster parents and kinship providers step in. The Fostering Connections Program offers increased coordination of healthcare services for children and adolescents and support to their caregivers.

For additional information about programs and services at The Center for Family Safety and Healing visit our website at www.FamilySafetyandHealing.org