

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Child and Family Services Agency**  
*HEALTHCARE QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE*  
***HIV, Sexual, and Reproductive Health Services***



For purposes of this quick reference guide, the term “child” includes both infants and youth, as applicable. For more information, **contact the CFSA Clinical and Health Services Administration (CHSA) On-Call Information Line at 202-498-8456, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.**

**HIV, Sexual, and Reproductive Health Services Policy**

1. All children coming into foster care are screened for HIV/AIDS at CHSA’s Healthy Horizons Assessment Center (HHAC) as a part of the routine examination during the pre-placement screening. For children already in care, screening and testing (if applicable) is recommended on an annual basis, at minimum. For further information, consult the [HIV and AIDS](#) policy.
2. Adolescents may consent to their own treatment regarding testing and counseling for sexually transmitted diseases, contraceptive services, and pregnancy.
3. Adolescent females may consent for their health care during pregnancy. It is not necessary to obtain consent from the birth parent or guardian for services related to prenatal care.
4. The privacy (confidentiality) of an adolescent female who objects to her birth parent or guardian being informed that she is or might be pregnant is protected. Confidentiality also applies to an expectant adolescent father. Continuing efforts should be made (and documented) to encourage the expectant adolescent mother to involve her caregivers in her prenatal care. Birth parents (or guardians) and caregivers can often provide valuable support and resources.
5. CFSA and private agency staff and social workers should consult with CHSA if they have questions regarding any child who identifies as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning (LGBTQ).

To read this online policy in its entirety, click on [HIV, Sexual, and Reproductive Health Services](#), or visit CFSA’s online policy manual at <http://cfsa.dc.gov/>.