



## Healthy Foster Care America

In 2007, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) created the Task Force on Foster Care (TFOFC) with the charge to increase the awareness, knowledge, and skills of pediatricians regarding the needs of children and teens in foster care. The ultimate goal is to improve the health and well-being of children and teens in foster care.

Recently, the TFOFC launched the **Healthy Foster Care America** Web site to engage communities and their leaders in supporting children, teens, and their families with an effective, multidisciplinary, integrated, and comprehensive continuum of care. The Web site is now live and can be accessed at [www.aap.org/fostercare/](http://www.aap.org/fostercare/). It was developed as a place where professionals and partner organizations can find the latest tools, resources, facts, and figures on the health and well-being of children and teens in foster care. We ask that you share our Web site with others, and link to our Web site from yours when possible.

The Web site has the following features:

- Expert information on the health issues and needs of children and teens in foster care
- Downloadable chapters from *Fostering Health: Health Care for Children and Adolescents in Foster Care*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed
- Easy-to-use search capabilities by keyword
- Subscription to the Healthy Foster Care America listserv to receive the latest information about the health issues and needs of children and teens in foster care
- Customizable forms for health care professionals
- Direct links to [www.HealthyChildren.org](http://www.HealthyChildren.org)
- *A Special Place for Children and Families* portal of resources for children and teens in care, parents (foster and birth) and kin

We look forward to providing you with the latest news, tools, and resources on the health and well-being of children and teens in foster care. Feel free to contact Aldina M Hovde, MSW, at 847/434-7119 or [ahovde@aap.org](mailto:ahovde@aap.org) if you have any questions. Should you link to our Web site from yours, please let us know!