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IHOC Summary For Members - Helping Your Child's Doctor Helps Your Child

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Helping Your Child's Doctor Helps Your Child

Parents want their children to grow up healthy and strong. Doctors and nurses can help keep them healthy as they grow. Improving Health Outcomes for Children (IHOC) is helping your child's doctor and nurses get better at what they do.

Doctors will get

- Training to help them improve their services.
- Reports on their quality of care.

Parents will get

- Information on what to expect at your child's visits to the doctor.
- Questions to ask your child's nurse or doctor, based on your child's age.
- Tips for how to keep your child healthy and safe.

IHOC's goal is to improve the health of children. For example, many children in Maine do not get their vaccines on time. So IHOC will work with doctor's offices to help more children get their vaccines on time. This will help protect all children in the state, by reducing certain contagious illnesses.

The IHOC project is also working on secure ways to collect and report important data about the health of Maine children. This includes helping doctors get the health records for children in foster care.

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