

Children's Special Health Care Services

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **Take our surveys!**
- **Learn about the Family Support Subsidy Program!**
- **Check out our Facebook page.**
- **Playgroups in your area.**
- **Contact our great staff!**



What is Children's Special Health Care?

Children's Special Health Care is a plan to find, diagnose and treat children with a chronic illness or disease. It provides medical advocacy and financial assistance to children with qualifying medical conditions.



Children under 21 and some adults with certain medical conditions are identified by a CSHCS doctor. Families of all incomes are eligible to join, even if you have other health insurance. For some families, there is a fee, but you can always contact us to see if it is beneficial for your family.

CSHCS can pay specialty medical bills, cover co-pays and deductibles from private insurance—helping you to keep your private insurance. It can help with transportation costs for medical care and help find specialists.

For more information, contact your county representative on page 3!

We want to hear from YOU!

The CSHCS staff is inviting you to go online and fill out a short survey to help us plan for the 2016 Family Fun Day and Picnic! We value your input! Please visit the link below or simply scan the QR code from your smartphone!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XCKLJ66>





Playgroups consist of small groups of parents with their babies to preschoolers and a parent educator.



CSHCS is on Facebook!

We are happy to announce that MMDHD now has a CSHCS parent support Facebook page for our families. It will feature many aspects of CSHCS and be a place to ask questions. The page and all its posts are private, to keep our families privacy in mind. All we need is an e-mail address to be able to send an invite to you, and then we can add you to our page. Please contact your county representative or our Parent Liaison, Amanda Shaffer, at ashaffer@mmdhd.org if you are interested in being added to the group.



Early On and Great Start Playgroups

Clinton County:

Children ages Birth to Five
 Playgroups are held at CCRESA Ed Center
 4179 S. U.S. 27, St. Johns

Monday: 5:30—6:30 pm

January 4, 11, 25
 February 1, 8, 22, 29
 March 7, 14, 21, 28
 April 11, 18, 25

Tuesday: 10:00-11:00 am

January 5, 12, 19, 26
 February 2, 9, 23
 March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
 April 12, 19, 26

Wednesday: 10:00-11:00 am

January 6, 13, 20, 27
 February 3, 10, 24
 March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 April 13, 20, 27

Montcalm County:

Children ages Birth to Four
 Playgroups are held at MACC
 1550 W. Sidney Rd., in Sidney

Thursdays: 9-10:30 am or 1-2:30 pm

January 7, 14, 21, 28
 February 4, 11, 18, 25
 March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
 April 14, 21, 28

Gratiot County:

Children ages Birth to Three
 Playgroups are held at Westgate School
 840 W. Cheesman Rd., St. Louis

Wednesday: 9:30-11:00 am

January 6, 13, 20
 February 3, 10, 17
 March 2, 9, 16, 23

FAMILY SUPPORT SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Did you know Michigan has a program to help families who care for their children with severe disabilities at home?

PROGRAM BENEFITS

Many Children with severe impairments cannot eat, walk, dress, talk on their own. They often have both mental and physical impairments and need round-the-clock care. Families that include children with severe disabilities have many expenses other families do not.

Uses for the subsidy might be the purchase of additional therapies, special equipment, special food, incontinence supplies, transportation cost, in-home specialized care, respite care, family counseling, support groups, general household expenses, family recreation and home remodeling to provide for the special needs of the child.

This list is not all-inclusive. A unique feature of the subsidy is that the family decides its use to suit their needs.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Families may be eligible for this program if they have a child under age 18 who has been recommended by a local or intermediate school district's multidisciplinary evaluation team with an eligibility category of:

- Cognitive Impairment (CI)
- Severe Multiple Impairment (SXI) or
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Under the law, the taxable income for the family may not exceed \$60,000. In addition, the family cannot receive reimbursement from the Medical Subsidy Program for Adoptive Children if they choose to apply for the Family Support Subsidy.

HOW TO APPLY

You can get and turn in applications for the subsidy program at local offices of Michigan's community mental health services programs (CMHSPs). Your local CMHSP determines eligibility for this subsidy program.

- Montcalm County residents contact: Montcalm Care Network (formerly Montcalm Center for Behavioral Health) at 989-831-7520
- Gratiot County residents contact: Judy Ebnit at 989-466-4100
- Clinton County residents contact: Carissa Visser at 517-346-9510 or email visser@ceicmh.org

Reminder for parents...

Please inform the Health Department and the Department of Health and Human Services if you have any changes in phone number and/or address!



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How are we doing?

We value your opinion of our CSHCS and other health department services! Please take a few minutes to complete our Client Satisfaction Survey by visiting the link below or scanning the QR Code on your smart phone. Thank you!



https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CHED_CSS