

Children's Special Health Care Services

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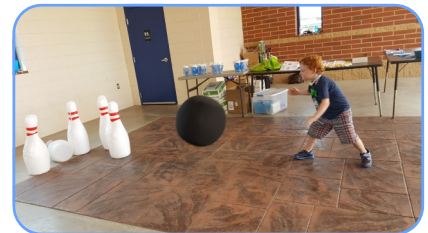
CSHCS Family Fun Day!

The third annual Family Fun Day held at the Ithaca High School athletic complex on June 4th was a great success! The event provided a family outing in a safe and supportive environment for CSHCS kids. Families were able to enjoy games and activities, win prizes, learn about resources, eat tasty food, and enjoy family time together.



The CSHCS staff would like to thank the many local donors that made this event possible!

- Ithaca High School
- Ithaca Elementary PTA
- Mobile Medical Response—Gratiot
- Ric's Food Center—Ithaca
- Main Street Pizza—Ithaca
- Alma Meijer
- Alma Walmart
- Great Start Collaborative—Montcalm



We want to hear from YOU!

The CSHCS staff would like to know your thoughts on our Family Fun Day event. We invite you to go online and fill out a short survey to help us plan for the next event. This survey also includes questions about our newsletter and services. We value your input! Please visit the link below or simply scan the QR code from your smartphone!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZXF36VJ>





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



Coming Soon—Sibshops!

Sibshops are an opportunity for brothers and sisters of children with special health and developmental needs to obtain peer support and education within a recreational context. CSHCS staff are in the process of creating more opportunities for the siblings, so stay tuned. For more information, contact Amanda Shaffer, Parent Liaison, at 989-831-3637 or ashaffer@mmdhd.org



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

Phone: 989-224-6831

Monday: 5:30—6:30 pm

September 12,19,26

October 3,10,17,24

November 7,14,28

December 5,12

Tuesday: 10:00-11:00 am

September 13,20,27

October 4,11,18,25

November 1,8,15,29

December 6,13

Wednesday: 10:00-11:00 am

September 14,21,28

October 5,12,19,26

November 2,9,16,30

December 7,14

Gratiot County:

Children ages Birth to Three

Playgroups are held at Westgate School

840 W. Cheesman Rd., St. Louis

Phone: 989-875-5101 x2351

Wednesday: 10:00-11:30 am

September 7,21,28

October 5,12,19,26

November 9,16,30

December 7,14

Montcalm County:

Children ages Birth to Four

Playgroups are held at MACC

1550 W. Sidney Rd., in Sidney

Phone: 616-225-6146 to register

Thursday 10:00 am—11:30 am

September 10, 24

Thursdays 9:30 AM—11:00 AM

October 6,13,20,27

November 3,10,17

December 1,8,15

Playgroups at MacNaughton Elementary

415 Cedar St., Howard City

Tuesday 9:30 am—11:00 am

October 4,11,18,25

November 1,8,15,29

December 6,13

Playgroups at Seiter Education Center

1401 E. VanDeinse St., Greenville

Friday 9:30 am—11:00 am

October 7,14,21,28

November 4,11

December 2,9,16

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CSHCS Resources

CSHCS is on Facebook!

MMDHD has a CSHCS parent support Facebook page for our families. It features many aspects of CSHCS and is 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.



Michigan Family 2 Family Health Information Center

The Michigan Family to Family Health Information Center (MI F2F) is an information and resource website for families of children and youth with special health care needs. MI F2F also works with health and other professionals to better serve families facing disability and health issues. The site is staffed by family members who have experienced raising a child with special health care needs. The website provides information including:

- Resources for parents and providers
- Event calendars, newsletters and webinars
- Tips for working with health care providers and health plans
- Transitioning to adulthood planning



For more information, visit: <https://f2fmichigan.org>

This project was made available by a HRSA grant to the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI)

Additional information and support for parents, caregivers and guardians is available through the Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs. Call 1-800-359-3722 to reach The Family Phone Line at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, or visit www.michigan.gov/cshcs for more information.

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 4!



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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

Reminders 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!
- CSHCS is currently transitioning to a new document sharing system with the State of Michigan. Please bear with us, as there may be a delay in processing some requests and applications.

