

THE FAMILY CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

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The Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (Family Center) is the parent-directed center within the Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Division at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

THE FAMILY CENTER APPROACH

The Family Center is staffed by family members with lived experience navigating systems for children with disabilities and special health care needs. We strive to empower families through support, education, and connection to organizations and resources in your community.

WHO WE SERVE

The Family Center serves families of children and youth with disabilities and other special health care needs. This includes children who have, or are at increased risk for physical, behavioral, emotional, and developmental conditions. Children are not required to be enrolled in CSHCS to receive services from the Family Center.

HOW WE CAN HELP

- Provide virtual learning opportunities on a variety of health-related topics for families.
- Connect parents with other parents for peer-to-peer support.
- Offer Sibshop facilitator trainings, and grants to individuals and organizations to host Sibshops.
- Award conference scholarships for parents and youth to learn more about their child's diagnosis and connect with other parents like them.
- Support children and youth with scholarships to assist with the cost of summer camp.
- Share resources, information, and other items of interest in our quarterly e-newsletter.



**CSHCS
FAMILY PHONE LINE
800-359-3722**

Available Monday-Friday
8 am to 5 pm

The Family Phone Line is for parents and families of children with disabilities and other special health care needs who:

- Are looking to connect with other parents in our family support network
- Need information on resources in the state or their community
- Would like to talk to an experienced Family Center staff member for encouragement, information, or support
- Need help with resolving an issue or enrolling in CSHCS coverage

