

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

A Wisconsin Network of Support for Families

Assuring children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) are identified early, receive high quality, coordinated care, and their families are supported.



Wisconsin Title V Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program

ABC for Health

Family Voices of Wisconsin

Five Regional Centers (CYSHCN)

Genetics Systems Integration Hub

Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council

Parent to Parent of Wisconsin

Wisconsin First Step

Wisconsin Newborn Screening

Wisconsin Statewide Medical Home Initiative

Women, Infants and Children-
Nourishing Special Needs

Youth Health Transition Initiative

Advancing Six National Performance Measures

1. Family Leadership
2. Medical Home
3. Health Insurance Coverage
4. Screening and Identification
5. Coordinated Services
6. Transition to Adult Life





- **Wisconsin's Regional Centers** support families with children and youth with special needs and the providers who serve them. Free and confidential services include information, referral and problem solving, parent support, help understanding insurance coverage and applications, transition planning and connections to community resources. www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/children/index.htm



- **ABC for Health** is a Wisconsin-based nonprofit public-interest law firm dedicated to ensuring health care access for children and families, particularly those with special needs or who are at risk. www.safetyweb.org/



- **Family Voices of Wisconsin** is a statewide network of families who have children and youth with special health care needs and/or disabilities providing information, training and leadership opportunities so that families can be informed and effective partners in their child's care and in influencing the systems that support them. www.fvofwi.org



- **Parent to Parent of Wisconsin** supports parents of children with special needs through a one-to-one connection with another parent who has a child with a similar need. www.p2pwi.org/



- **Wisconsin Statewide Medical Home Initiative (WISMHI)** promotes the concepts of medical home with pediatric primary care clinicians, families and service providers throughout Wisconsin. www.wismhi.org



- **Youth Health Transition Initiative** supports youth, families and providers around transition from pediatric to adult health care. www.healthtransitionwi.org



- **Wisconsin First Step** provides an online resource directory and a 24-hour information and referral hotline (1-800-642-7837) serving families of children with special needs and professionals. Language Line services and TTY/TDD are available for hearing impaired individuals. www.mch-hotlines.org/



- **Genetics Systems Integration Hub** works to integrate genetics with public health systems in order to support individuals with genetic disorders, their families, and the professionals who work with them. www.geneticsinwisconsin.wisc.edu



- **Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC)** provides information, resources and assistance to Native American families of children with special needs. www.glitc.org/programs/cvshcn/



- **Wisconsin Newborn Screening Program** identifies babies through hearing, blood, and pulse oximetry testing who may have a condition that needs early treatment. www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/children/newbornscreening



- **Women, Infants and Children (WIC) CYSHCN/Birth Defects: Nourishing Special Needs Network** is a network of WIC dietitians/nutritionists trained in identifying and caring for the nutritional needs and feeding challenges of CYSHCN. www.waisman.wisc.edu/wic/index.php

The Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program collaborates with national, state and community-based partners to link children to appropriate services, close service gaps, reduce duplication and develop policies to better serve families.

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