

California Advocacy Network for Children with Special Health Care Needs

News, policy updates, resources, events, and advocacy opportunities

Children with Medical Complexity

An Opportunity to Present Work on Complex Care

The National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs is accepting proposals to present a webinar on a topic relevant to the field of complex care. The center's free monthly teleconferences feature subject experts from across the country who discuss their work and lived experience in the field. Priority is given to applications that include a community member/consumer as a panelist. Proposals are due December 17. [Read more and apply.](#)

Pediatric Annals: Special Issue on Children with Medical Complexity

Articles on care coordination, partnering with families, overmedicalization, and the role of the primary care physician are featured in a new issue of *Pediatric Annals* focused on children with medical complexity. Read a [guest editorial](#) about the issue and [abstracts](#) of the articles.

Caregiving and In-Home Support Services

Encouraging Medicaid Supports for Family Caregivers

Some state Medicaid agencies provide training and payment to family caregivers, but additional support services often are needed. A report from the National Academy for State Health Policy examines support strategies states currently use, and presents four interrelated actions the federal government could take to foster spread of the innovative approaches that some states have developed. [Read more.](#)

In Brief

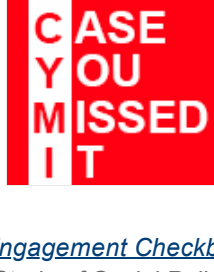
- [State Opportunities to Support Family Caregivers](#) – An infographic from the Center for Health Care Strategies

National Standards of Care

Using the National Standards as a Framework for Partnerships to Improve Care

Most US states are using the [Standards of Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs](#) in developing their Title V Block Grant programs. Forty percent of states report using the Standards as a tool to create collaborations among traditional and nontraditional organizations to improve care systems. A report from the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs highlights an example from Mississippi in how the state has used the Standards to build partnerships that strengthened its systems of care for CSHCN. [Read more.](#)

Family Engagement



The recording of the webinar [Moving Beyond the Family Engagement Checklist: An Innovative Partnership to Promote Authentic Family Engagement in Systems Change](#), from the Center for the Study of Social Policy and Family Voices, is now available.

CSHCN and Equity

Week Focuses on Equal Education

The Time for Inclusion Is Now is the theme for Inclusive Schools Week, which will be celebrated December 7-11. The event highlights progress that schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to diverse student populations, including students who are marginalized due to disability. [Learn more and find resources.](#)

Pediatric Palliative Care

The November issue of the *Pediatric e-Journal* focuses on various aspects of self-care in the context of pediatric palliative and hospice care. [Read more.](#)

Transition to Adult Care



The recording now is available for the webinar [A Family Toolkit: Pediatric to Adult Health Care Transition](#), sponsored by Got Transition and Family Voices.

COVID-19 Information

Additional resources and information are available on our [COVID-19 web page](#).

- The [recording and slides](#) from the webinar *Supporting Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs During COVID-19* are available. Sponsored by **Manatt Health**, **Family Voices**, the **American Academy of Pediatrics** and **Georgetown Center for Children and Families**.
- [Parents Caring for Children with Disabilities During the Pandemic Have Some Advice](#) is an article from the **California Health Report** that features family members discussing the multiple stressors in their lives, and the resources they still need for their children.
- A [survey being conducted by the California Department of Developmental Services](#) seeks information about families' experiences with Regional Center services and providers during COVID-19. Available in multiple languages.
- [US Department of Education Addresses Special Education Concerns Related to COVID-19](#) – from **Disability Scoop**

National Policy

Final Weeks for Health Care Enrollment

Open enrollment for 2021 health coverage ends **December 15**. See the [federal government page](#) for basic information, but use individual state plan pages for local deadlines and details.

California Policy

Electronic Visit Verification Phase II Stakeholder Webinar

Date Friday, December 4
Time 9 to 11 a.m. Pacific Time
Details [Find details](#) and [register in advance](#).

Zoom: Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF) to Provide Parent Training and Information in Northern California

Date Tuesday, December 8
Time 10 to 11 a.m. Pacific Time
Sponsor State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Details Speakers will discuss services and supports offered through DREDF as it expands to serve as a Parent Training and Information Center in 30 Northern California counties. [Read more and register.](#)

Webinar: Telehealth and COVID-19: What's Next and Why?

Date Tuesday, December 8
Time 12 to 2 p.m. Pacific Time
Sponsor Insure the Uninsured Project
Details A policy forum in which government and community leaders discuss California's perspective on telehealth during COVID-19, and how telehealth should look in the future. [Read more and register.](#)

Medi-Cal Children's Advisory Panel to Meet

Date Wednesday, December 9
Time 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pacific Time
Location [Register](#) in advance for the webinar.
Details Find call-in information and the agenda on the [website](#).

Event

Congreso Familiar Virtual

Congreso Familiar es una conferencia dedicada a promover la educación y el liderazgo en familias latinas que tienen hijos o familiares con discapacidades. Únase los sábados a las 10 a.m. Pacífico para aprender sobre varias temas. Los presentadores hablarán sobre la tutela limitada, los desafíos que enfrentan las familias con niños / niñas con necesidades especiales, y cómo prevenir la negligencia física, emocional y espiritual de los cuidadores. [Registarse.](#)

English: **Congreso Familiar** is a conference dedicated to promoting education and leadership in Latino families who have children or relatives with disabilities. Join on Saturdays at 10 a.m. Pacific Time to learn about a variety of topics. Presenters will discuss limited guardianship, the challenges faced by families with children with special needs, and how to prevent physical, emotional and spiritual neglect of caregivers. [Register.](#)

In the News

- [It May Be the Most Important Test of a Child's Life. Most Aren't Getting It.](#)
California Health Report, 11/30/20
- [Parents Say San Diego Unified Mask Policy Discriminates Against Students with Disabilities](#)
The San Diego Union-Tribune, 11/12/20
- [Disability Groups Worried as Supreme Court Weighs Affordable Care Act](#)
Disability Scoop, 11/11/20
- [Developmental Disabilities Heighten Risk of COVID Death](#)
NY Times, 11/10/20
- [Helping Children with Anxiety in the Pandemic](#)
NY Times, 11/9/20

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