

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

Network Newsletter

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

CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL COMPLEXITY

Study: Effectiveness of Structured Care Coordination for Children With Medical Complexity

An open-access article just published in *JAMA Pediatrics* reports on the results of a randomized clinical trial that compared the effectiveness of a structured complex care program with usual care for children with medical complexity. The study assigned a nurse practitioner-pediatrician dyad to partner with families to provide intensive care coordination and comprehensive plans of care. [Read about the results.](#)

Reminder: Share Work on Complex Care

The deadline for submitting proposals to make presentations at the *Putting Care at the Center* conference is **March 31**. [Learn more and apply.](#)

MEDICAL HOME

Series: Where Does School-based Health Fit within the Medical Home?

The American Academy of Pediatrics' [National Resource Center for Patient/Family-Centered Medical Home](#) will host a series highlighting ways in which patient/family-centered medical home and school-based health care can partner and collaborate for provision of care for children and youth with special health care needs. Register for:

- April 6 - Panel 1: [Policy](#)
- April 11 - Panel 2: [School Health & Medical Home: Practice Level](#)
- April 17 - Panel 3: [Systems of Care](#)

PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE

Webinar: Finding Joy in Pediatric Palliative Care

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| DATE | Wednesday, April 12 |
| TIME | 9 to 10 a.m. Pacific Time |
| SPONSOR | Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition |
| DETAILS | In this free Firefly Chat, parents and caregivers will share how they identified, captured, and experienced joy as a part of their child's medical journey. Read more and register. |

HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE



The slides and recording from the webinar [Paid Family Caregiving for Children with Medical Complexity and Disabilities](#) now are available. The speakers currently are reviewing the questions that were not answered during the webinar, and will publish the responses.

In Brief

- [Recruiting, Selecting, and Retaining Direct Service Workers to Provide Self-directed Home and Community-Based Services \(HCBS\)](#): Online training from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services provides information to people who self-direct or wish to self-direct their HCBS, and others interested in finding, hiring, and retaining workers. See [other resources](#) in this series on Strengthening the Direct Service Workforce.

NATIONAL POLICY

Webinar: The Impact of the Expanded Child Tax Credit on Families Raising Children with Disabilities

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| DATE | Tuesday, April 4 |
| TIME | 12 to 1 p.m. Pacific Time |
| SPONSOR | Catalyst Center, Boston University; Social Policy Institute, Washington University St. Louis; Appalachian State University |
| DETAILS | Speakers will present findings from a recently published report on the impact of the expanded Child Tax Credit (CTC) on families raising children with disabilities compared to families without children with disabilities. They will discuss the implications of these findings for continued policy discussion on the future of the CTC. See a related policy brief for advocates and policymakers. Read more and register. |

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY UNWINDING

Webinar: Staying Informed - Understanding Local Impacts of the Public Health Emergency Ending

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| DATE | Tuesday, April 11 |
| TIME | 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pacific Time |
| SPONSOR | Vaccine Equity Cooperative |
| DETAILS | In this webinar, available in English and Español, national experts will discuss key issues regarding the Public Health Emergency unwinding, including its immediate, most important impacts and some culturally competent resources available to communities. Read more and register. |

HEALTH EQUITY

Issue Brief on Protecting Medicaid Funding: Health Inequities

Medicaid provides health coverage for a majority of CYSHCN, and also offers assistance with home- and community-based services that allow individuals with disabilities to receive care in their homes rather than institutions. As debates grows about maintaining funding for the program, the National Health Law Program examines why Medicaid is important for communities experiencing health inequities and how they would be harmed by Medicaid funding caps. [Read the issue brief.](#)

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT



Video links to all sessions of the [Family Voices of California Health Summit](#) now are available. The range of topics covered included telehealth, the Whole Child Model, the impact of the unwinding of the Public Health Emergency, partnering with regional centers, and many more.

CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES

CCS Advisory Group to Meet

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| DATE | Wednesday, April 12 |
| TIME | 1 to 4 p.m. Pacific Time |
| SPONSOR | Department of Health Care Services |
| DETAILS | Join in the WebEx here. Information will be posted on the website . |

CALIFORNIA POLICY

State Clarifies EPSDT Requirements for Managed Care Health Plans

In a significant step, the Department of Health Care Services has issued a letter to all Medi-Cal managed care health plans clarifying the services they are required to provide under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment benefit. The letter addresses in detail topics such as care coordination, transportation, and dental care. The letter also reinforces the requirements that Medi-Cal members have access to information on EPSDT, and that network providers receive standardized training on EPSDT. [Read the letter.](#)

Also see: [Medi-Cal for Kids and Teens](#)

EVENTS

Youth Mental Health Symposium: Bridging the Gap

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| DATE | April 19 - April 21 |
| TIME | Varies by day |
| LOCATION | Monterey Conference Center, Monterey, CA |
| SPONSOR | AIM Youth Mental Health |
| DETAILS | Expert researchers, families, youth, clinicians, educators, first responders, and community members will gather over two days to discuss various aspects of the current youth mental health crisis and potential solutions. Fee. Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Continuing Education (CAMFT) credit available. Read details and register. |

RESOURCES

In Brief

- [A Child and Adolescent Health Emergency Planning Toolkit](#) from the Department of Health and Human Services addresses the needs of CYSHCN in emergency preparedness, response, recovery, mitigation, and community resilience activities.
- *Exceptional Parent* magazine – March issue covers [vision, hearing, and speech](#).

IN THE NEWS

- [Biden Administration Calls for End to Corporal Punishment in Schools](#)
Disability Scoop, 3/27/23
- [Supreme Court Unanimously Sides with Student in Special Ed Case](#)
Disability Scoop, 3/22/23
- [Two Families, United by a Rare Disease, Push for Awareness and a Cure](#)
The Washington Post, 3/19/23

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