

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

Network Newsletter

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

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

A Successful Experiment: Engaging Family Partners in Continuing Medical Education



Seminar Series

Family involvement in the education of clinicians has the potential to improve patient-clinician partnerships. The recent seminar series, [Collaborative Conversations with Families to Advance the Clinical Care of Children with Medical Complexities \(C6\)](#), was designed and delivered through a novel partnership between clinicians and families, incorporating patient experiences into each session to deepen learners' perspectives. In an open-access article in *Pediatrics*, some of the series participants reflect on what they learned through their collaboration, which was supported by our Foundation, and their hopes for stimulating other clinician-family partnerships in continuing medical education. [Read the article.](#)

CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL COMPLEXITY

Applications Open for Emerging Investigator Program

Up to three projects focused on health systems research for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs will be funded for up to \$15,000 for one year under the Emerging Investigator Program sponsored by CYSHCN. Applications are due on **June 5**. An application assistance webinar will be held **May 3** at 11 a.m. Pacific Time. [Learn more and download an application.](#)

CYSHCN, Children with Medical Complexity on Agenda at Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting

Hospital-to-home transition, self-management supports, changes in health care utilization for CYSHCN, and some of the impacts of COVID-19 are among the topics that will be covered in sessions and poster presentations at the upcoming Pediatric Academic Societies meeting. The meeting will be held in person April 27 to May 1 in Washington, DC, but on-demand access also is available. Fee. [Read more](#) and [register](#).

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Webinar: Strategies for Providing Whole Child Care - A Blueprint for Meeting Children's Social Needs

DATE	Tuesday, May 2
TIME	12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time
SPONSOR	Manatt
DETAILS	Evidence suggests that investing in children's social needs leads to long-term improvements in health, economic stability, and resilience, but policymaking prioritizes addressing the social determinants of health for adults. Manatt will facilitate a panel discussion with state and national leaders who are pioneering new ways to address the health-related social needs of children. Speakers will review the emerging opportunities for financing children's interventions, including 1115 waivers, "in lieu of services" (ILOS), and Children's Health and Wellness Funds. Read more and register.

Related publication: [Financing Approaches to Address Social Determinants of Health via Medicaid Managed Care: A 12-State Review](#) – from the Center for Health Care Strategies

HEALTH EQUITY

Webinar: Disability Cultural Competence in Health Care

DATE	Wednesday, April 26
TIME	9 to 10 a.m. Pacific Time
SPONSOR	Interagency Committee on Disability Research
DETAILS	Speakers will present on research projects and findings related to disability cultural competence, access, and inclusion. Read more and register.

Upcoming Association of Maternal and Child Health Conference Offers Virtual Option

Cultivating Diverse Leaders in Maternal and Child Health is the theme for the AMCHP Annual Conference to be held May 6-9 in New Orleans. An online platform will be available. [Learn more.](#)

PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE

Webinar: The 5 Ws of Guidance for Pediatric End-of-Life Care

DATE	Thursday, April 20
TIME	12 to 1 p.m. Pacific Time
SPONSOR	Pennsylvania's Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition, Greater Illinois Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition, Children's Hospice & Palliative Care Coalition of California, and the CSU Shiley Haynes Institute for Palliative Care
DETAILS	Presenters will review the American Academy of Pediatrics report outlining best practices for pediatric end-of-life care, focusing especially on the days and hours leading up to and following a child's death. Topics will include family supports, serious decision-making, pain and symptom management, and interdisciplinary teamwork. Read more and register.

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY UNWINDING

- [Preserving Medicaid and CHIP Coverage](#) – Advice for pediatric practices from the American Academy of Pediatrics
- [How Are State Medicaid Programs Approaching the Unwinding of the Federal Continuous Enrollment Provision?](#) – A web briefing from the Kaiser Family Foundation notes that states' existing enrollment and renewal procedures and their differing approaches to the unwinding will have major impacts on Medicaid enrollees, state spending, and broader health coverage trends.
- [Keeping Medi-Cal Beneficiaries Covered](#) – A range of resources from California's Department of Health Care Services includes a toolkit available in 19 languages, videos, flyers, webinars, and graphics.

CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Evaluation Examines How Children Are Faring under Whole Child Model

In 2018 California launched the Whole Child Model program in 21 counties to incorporate covered CCS services into Medi-Cal managed care health plans. Now, the Department of Health Care Services has published the *Whole Child Model Program: Final Evaluation Report*, a legally required evaluation prepared by the University of California, San Francisco, Institute for Health Policy Studies. The study assesses Medi-Cal managed care plan performance and the outcomes and the experience of CCS-eligible children and youth and their families participating in the Whole Child Model program. [Read the report and the appendices.](#)

NATIONAL POLICY

- [Family Caregivers: Information on the Family and Medical Leave Act](#) provides details about the policy by which eligible employees are entitled to unpaid, job-protected leave to provide care for a family member. From the US Department of Labor
- [Senators Want Guardianship Bill of Rights](#) – from *Disability Scoop*

CALIFORNIA POLICY

Opinion: How More California Children Can Get the Mental Health Care They Desperately Need

In an article in *California Health Report*, California State Senator Scott Wiener and Lishaun Francis, a senior director at Children Now, discuss proposed [Senate Bill 238](#), which aims to simplify the arduous process for appealing when a health plan denies mental health services for individuals under age 26. Under the bill, health plans would be responsible for justifying their denials, and any denials, modifications, or delays for treatment for mental health or substance use would be submitted automatically to the state for independent medical review. [Read more.](#)

RESOURCES

New Data from the National Survey of Children's Health Assess Impact of Pandemic

The results from the 2020-2021 National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH) Child and Family Health Measures have been released by the Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative Data Resource Center. Containing data from 50,892 children ages 0-17 years, the 2021 NSCH includes new data assessing the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on health care utilization and child care. [Search the data.](#)

EVENTS

16th Annual California Disability Advocacy Conference

DATE	April 25 - April 27
TIME	9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pacific Time
SPONSOR	The Arc of California, Easterseals, and United Cerebral Palsy
DETAILS	With the theme <i>Discovering the Next Frontier</i> , this virtual conference aims to inspire, educate, and empower attendees to become advocates for Californians with developmental disabilities. Read more and register in English or Español.

IN THE NEWS

- [IDD Training for New Pediatricians Could Be Weakened, Advocates Warn](#)
Disability Scoop, 4/3/23
- [Medicaid Renewals: Those Who Don't Reenroll Could Get Kicked Off](#)
NPR, 3/30/23
- [The Great Medicaid Purge Begins](#)
The Washington Post, 3/30/23
- [ADA Case Set to Go Before Supreme Court](#)
Disability Scoop, 3/29/23

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