

California Advocacy Network for Children with Special Health Care Needs

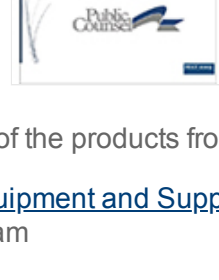
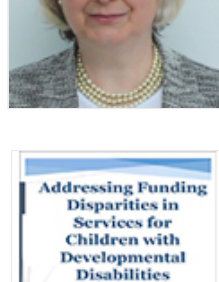
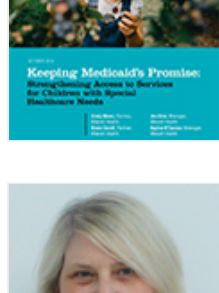
News, policy updates, resources, events, and advocacy opportunities

Network News

Deadline Approaching for Grant Inquiries

February 12 is the deadline for Letters of Inquiry (LOI) for the Foundation's next grant cycle. We fund programs and projects that will contribute to improving systems of care for children with special health care needs and their families. We strongly recommend that potential applicants carefully review our program goals, priorities, and restrictions before submitting an LOI. [Read about the application process.](#)

A Wealth of Topics Covered in 2019 Publications



See what you missed or take a refresher on some of the products from our grantees, partners, and staff.

- [Helping Families Obtain Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies Through the California Children's Services \(CCS\) Program](#) – National Health Law Program
- [Keeping Medicaid's Promise: Strengthening Access to Services for Children with Special Healthcare Needs](#) – Manatt Health
- [Family Burden and Medical Complexity: Wrestling with the Meaning and Impact of Commonly Used Terms](#) – Meg Comeau, Catalyst Center
- [Addressing Funding Disparities in Services for Children with Developmental Disabilities](#) – Public Counsel
- [An Almost Complete List of Services Used by Families and Children with Special Health Care Needs](#) – Edward L. Schor, MD, Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health
- [Identifying and Serving Children with Health Complexity: Spotlight of Efforts to Develop and Pilot the Kaiser Permanente Northwest Pediatric Care Together Program](#) – Oregon Pediatric Improvement Partnership
- [Survey Compares Adult and Pediatric Chronic Condition Management in Primary Care Practices](#) – Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health
- [The Future of Pediatrics: Redefining Chronic Care](#) – Edward L. Schor, MD, Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health

Children with Medical Complexity

Apply to Host a Regional Convening on Complex Care

In 2020 the National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs will hold six convenings across the country to address complex care barriers in local communities. The project aims to facilitate information sharing and collaboration on a regional level and to foster ecosystems of complex care. Six organizations will have the opportunity to co-design a local convening with financial and technical support from the National Center. Applications will open **January 15** and close February 29. Read more and see the [Request for Proposals](#) (PDF).

Webinar: Incorporating Community Voices to Improve Complex Care

Date Tuesday, January 21
Time 10 to 11:30 a.m. Pacific Time
Sponsors Center for Health Care Strategies, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Better Care Playbook
Details To improve outcomes for patients with complex needs, health systems must meaningfully incorporate consumer perspectives into program design. However, many challenges exist to doing so. This webinar will explore how two health care innovators are engaging communities and using consumer feedback to rethink how services are designed and delivered. Although the focus is on adults, the topic has relevance for children and youth with complex needs. [Read more and register.](#)

Family Engagement

Registration Open for Family Voices Health Summit

The Family Voices of California Health Summit & Legislative Day brings together families, youth, providers, policymakers, state agencies, and advocates who are interested in improving services and systems of care for children and youth with special health care needs. Free for families. Download flyers in [English](#) (PDF), [Spanish](#) (PDF) and [Chinese](#) (PDF). Interpretation available with preregistration.

Date March 15-17
Location Holiday Inn
J Street, Sacramento
Details [Read more and register.](#)

California Children's Services

CCS Advisory Group to Meet

Date Wednesday, January 15
Time 10 a.m. – TBD
Location 1700 K Street, Sacramento – First Floor Conference Room
Dial-In (888) 989-6488; Passcode: 1945234
Details Agenda not yet available. Find information on the Advisory Group [website](#).

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

The Arc Seeks Nominees for Its Board

The Arc of the United States is recruiting members for its board of directors. Nominate someone or yourself. Learn more about the nominating priorities in the [2020 Board Prospectus](#) (PDF) and see the online [application](#).

Webinar: Data on the Health of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Date Tuesday, January 21
Time 1 to 2 p.m. Pacific Time
Sponsor American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) Research Interest Network
Details This webinar will update participants on the status of improved data on the health of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and will solicit participant input to shape the next roadmap. [Read more and register.](#)

California Policy

Medi-Cal Extends Full Coverage to Age 26; Restores Benefits; Encourages Developmental, Trauma Screenings

Effective January 1, Medi-Cal, California's health care program for low-income individuals and families, offers full-scope coverage for adults from age 19 until they turn 26, regardless of their documentation status. Medi-Cal also will begin restoration of non-federally mandated "optional" health benefits that were cut during the last recession. The Department of Health Care Services also will begin covering payments to encourage Medi-Cal providers to administer age-appropriate developmental screenings. [Read more.](#)

Resources

- [Fast Facts to Champion Support for Caregiver Depression](#) – from the National Institute for Children's Health Quality
- *Complex Child* January Issue: [Emotions](#)
- [Emergency Kit Checklist for Families with Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs \(CYSHCN\)](#) – from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Webinar

Strategies to Increase Financial Fitness with an ABLÉ Account

Date Thursday, January 23
Time 11 a.m. Pacific Time
Sponsor ABLÉ National Resource Center
Details This webinar will provide tips on how an ABLÉ account can improve finances. ABLÉ accounts are tax-advantaged savings accounts that can be used to pay qualified disability expenses. Savings generally are not considered in determining eligibility for federal means-tested programs. [Read more and register.](#)

In the News

- [Caring for Patients with Complex Conditions](#)
Healthier, Happy Lives Blog, 1/7/20
- [Clothing Size Guide in Works for Those with Down Syndrome](#)
Disability Scoop, 1/7/20

We'd like to hear from you

Let us know what's happening with your organization or family. Email newsletter editor Eileen Walsh at Eileen.Walsh@lpfch.org with your news or updates.

