

## California Advocacy Network for Children with Special Health Care Needs

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

### Children with Medical Complexity

#### Conversations with Families: Poly-pharmacy



The challenges of managing and reconciling multiple prescription medications, including side effects and interactions, is the topic for the seventh session of this 10-part pediatric complex care series. The series, which features both family and care provider viewpoints, is funded by our Foundation.

##### Poly-pharmacy

Thursday, March 10  
10 to 11 a.m. Pacific Time  
[Read more and register.](#)

#### Funding Opportunity: Enhancing Systems of Care for Children with Medical Complexity

The federal Health Resources and Services Administration is accepting applications for demonstration projects that optimize the health, quality of life, and well-being of children with medical complexity and their families. Projects should implement and evaluate evidence-informed, patient/family-centered models of care delivery. Applications are due March 7. [Read more.](#)

### Family Engagement

#### Enhancing the Effectiveness of Family Participation

The *Roadmap to Inviting, Engaging, and Including Patient/Family Partners in Quality Improvement and Other Related Initiatives* is a new guide developed by the National Institute for Children's Health Quality and the Florida Department of Health Office of Children's Medical and Specialty Services. [Read about the roadmap.](#)

### National Policy

#### Report: Children at Risk of Losing Medicaid When Public Health Emergency Ends

A just-released report from the Georgetown Center for Children and Families explains the complicated reasons why millions of children covered by Medicaid could be at risk for losing coverage when the federal COVID-related public health emergency provisions end. The report recommends steps that can be taken. [Read the report](#) and the [author's blog](#).

### Transition to Adult Care

#### Transition Tools

Two new resources offer assistance in preparing youth and families for the transition from pediatric to adult care:

- A [Transition of Care Toolkit](#) (PDF) from the Child Neurology Foundation offers a transition checklist, self-assessment tools, care plan ideas, and more.
- A five-minute [animated video](#) from Got Transition and KASA Connecticut explains the process of moving to adult health care and encourages scheduling a group telehealth visit that includes the patient, the family, and their adult and pediatric providers.

### Caregiving

#### Strengthening the Direct Care Workforce: Scan of State Strategies

Direct care workers who provide personal assistance to individuals with disabilities are historically undervalued and underpaid, a situation exacerbated by COVID-19. The Center for Health Care Strategies has published a report documenting how states across the country are creating legislation and other supports to bolster this critical workforce. [Read the report](#) (PDF).

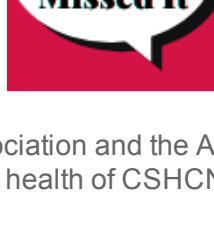
### Pediatric Palliative Care

#### Webinar: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Delivery of Culturally Humble Care

<b>Date</b>	Thursday, February 24
<b>Time</b>	12 p.m. Pacific Time
<b>Sponsors</b>	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
<b>Details</b>	A palliative care physician, an interpreter, and a chaplain will discuss care for patients and families who are from diverse backgrounds. They will define cultural humility and its role in clinical care, explore barriers to culturally inclusive care, and provide skills for navigating challenging discussions. <a href="#">Read more and register.</a>

### Mental and Behavioral Health

#### Archived Webinar: Assessing Provider Readiness to Effectively Support Emotional Health



A recent webinar from the Children's Hospital Association and the American Board of Pediatrics aims to help pediatricians and subspecialists support emotional health of CSHCN and their families. [Watch the recording.](#)

#### In Brief

- [Increasing Access to Mental Health Services for Children and Youth with Developmental Disabilities: A Legislative Proposal](#) – from the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs

### Telehealth

- [Keys to Flipping Telehealth Appointments from Phone Calls to Video Visits](#) – from the Center for Care Innovations. Not pediatric specific.

### Health Equity

#### Webinar to Address Equity in Health Care for Rare Diseases

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday, February 23
<b>Time</b>	11 a.m. Pacific Time
<b>Sponsor</b>	National Organization for Rare Disorders in collaboration with the Rare Disease Diversity Coalition
<b>Details</b>	This webinar will focus on the role health care providers and health systems play in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in health care settings. Not child specific. <a href="#">Read more and register.</a>

### Advocacy Events

#### American Academy of Pediatrics Advocacy Conference to Be Virtual

Pediatricians, pediatric subspecialists, and pediatric trainees from across the country can build their advocacy skills and learn about policy priorities affecting children by attending the American Academy of Pediatrics Advocacy Conference on March 20-22. Fee. Early-bird registration ends **February 20**. [Learn more and register.](#)

#### Disability Policy Seminar Bolsters Federal Legislative Advocacy Skills

Early-bird registration is available through **March 14** for the Disability Policy Seminar, a three-day annual federal legislative conference at which attendees receive training and updates, network, and visit their members of Congress. The event, scheduled for March 28-30 in Washington, DC, is sponsored by The Arc and several other organizations. [Read more and register.](#) Fee.

### Scholarship Opportunity

#### Award Supports Master's Students Pursuing Children's Health Advocacy

The Children's Specialty Care Coalition sponsors a scholarship for female master's degree students in California who are working toward their graduate degree in public policy, public health, or public administration. Recipients must intend to go into children's health advocacy. The memorial scholarship honors the coalition's founding executive director, Erin Aaberg Givans. Applications are due by **March 11**. [Read more about the scholarship and apply.](#)

### In the News

- [Actor with Disability Scores Historic Oscar Nomination](#)  
*Disability Scoop, 2/11/22*
- [Consumer Review Site Takes on Adaptive Products](#)  
*Disability Scoop, 2/8/22*
- [For Children with a Disability, a Higher Risk of Trauma](#)  
*U.S. News & World Report, 1/26/22*

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