

Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Newsletter– February 2019

CSHCS is a secondary insurance program designed to support children with eligible chronic health conditions and their families. CSHCS is also available for adults with cystic fibrosis and bleeding disorders. Call the office for more information at 269.373.5010.



Come Get Your Influenza Shot

The Influenza (flu) Vaccine is now available at Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department. Health officials are urging all residents to get vaccinated against the flu. Everyone is suitable for the flu vaccine, even those as young as six months old.

The Centers for Disease Control now report “Widespread” flu activity. This means that more than half of the regions within Michigan have had a positive report of the flu.

It is not too late to get vaccinated. Being vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself, your friends, and your family.

Come by the Health & Community Services Department for the flu vaccinations at our office, located at 311 East Alcott Street, Kalamazoo, on the following dates and times:

Monday, Tuesday*, Wednesday, and Friday:

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (closed 12:00-1:00 p.m.)

Thursday:

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (closed 1:00-2:00 p.m.).

*The third Tuesday of the month the clinic is closed from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Trainee Program

The Michigan Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (MI-LEND) is hosting a two semester training program focusing on family-centered, relevant, leadership skills. The goal is to educate developing leaders to work to improve the health of infants, children, and adolescents with or at risk of neurodevelopmental disabilities and other health care needs.

Trainees will be required to complete at least 300 hours of various educational programs and will receive a certificate upon completion.

Self-advocates and family members of children with disabilities and/or other special health care needs are encouraged to apply.

Applications for the 2019-2020 academic year are due May 1st, 2019.

To apply visit <https://ddi.wayne.edu/milendapp>.

For next month's Newsletter, please go to “Hot Topics” at www.kalcounty.com/hcs or find it on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KalamazooCountyHCS. If you have questions or concerns please call the Family Phones Line at 1-800-359-3722 or the Kalamazoo CSHCS Program Representative, Heather, at 269-373-5015

Radon Awareness

Radon is a naturally occurring gas that is the primary cause of lung cancer in non-smokers. Radon can enter homes through the foundation, and because it is colorless and odorless, the only way to know about potential radon exposure is through home testing.

During January and February Kalamazoo County Residents can pick-up a free Short-Term Radon Test Kit at the Kalamazoo Health & Community Services Department located at 311 East Alcott Street, Kalamazoo

To learn more about radon, contact the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Department at 269.373.5210 or [visit www.kalcounty.com/eh](http://www.kalcounty.com/eh)

Summer Camp Scholarship

The Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs is inviting families to apply to receive a Summer Camp Scholarship for up to \$250. It is designed to help families send their child with special health care needs to a summer camp of their choosing.

Applications are being accepted now through the end of March 2019.

To receive an application you may contact the Family Phone Line at 800.359.3722



Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services is committed to providing equitable, culturally competent care to all individuals served, regardless of race, age, sex, color, national origin, religion, height, weight, marital status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability.

Intelligent Lives Film Screening

Consider joining the Northpointe Community Church, No More Sidelines, and the Family Center for a screening of the film "Intelligent Lives". This is a 70 minute film that follows three young adults with intellectual disabilities: Micah, Naieer, and Naomie. The showing will be followed by a conversation with Micah's parents (native Michigander's).

This event will be held at Northpointe Community Church on Saturday March 2, 2019. Doors open at 3 p.m. for refreshments and book sales, the movie will begin at 4 p.m.

For more information please visit throughthesamedoor.com

To register please visit bit.ly/2FpScVy

Career Life Expo

The United Way of the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region is sponsoring this year's Career Life Expo. They are bringing together hiring companies and service agencies to aid your job search. This event will be held on Tuesday, March 26th from 12-5pm at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center. They are expecting more than 100 local businesses and dozens of service agencies to help people that are looking for work.

For more information visit changethestory.org

