

Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Newsletter – May 2022

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, sickle cell disease, and bleeding disorders. Call the office for more information at 269-373-5015.



Virtual Parent Mentor Training

The Family Center for Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs (Family Center) will be hosting a free Virtual Parent Mentor Training for Michigan parents/caregivers of children with special health care needs. Training will take place from **Tuesday, June 14, 2022 to Thursday, June 16, 2022** on Microsoft Teams. The trainings on Tuesday and Wednesday will be from **9:00am-11:30am**, and Thursday will be from **9:00am-12:00pm**.

If you are a parent, caregiver, or guardian of a child/youth with special health care needs and would like to make a difference in the lives of others, please take this opportunity to become a trained Parent Mentor.

This training is open to all families who have a child with a medical, physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition. As a trained Parent Mentor, you will become a part of a statewide network of volunteer parents supporting one another, sharing resources, and helping to navigate various systems.

If you have any questions prior to the day of training, please call the Family Phone Line at 1-800-359-3722 or email adkinsd@michigan.gov

If interested, please register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-parent-mentor-training-tickets-291290276057>

For next month's Newsletter, please go to <https://www.kalcounty.com/hcs/mch/cshcs/newsletters.php> . If you have questions or concerns, please call the Family Phone Line at 1-800-359-3722 or the Kalamazoo CSHCS Program Representative, Heather, at 269-373-5015.

Children with Special Needs Fund

The Children with Special Needs Fund (CSNF) has announced special grant funding is available to assist with ceiling and stair lifts for children/youth with special health needs. Applications for ceiling and stair lifts received by **August 26, 2022**, will be reviewed in September. Please go to <https://www.michigan.gov/csnfund> to download an application. To ask for an application to be sent to you, please call 517-241-7420 or email csnfund@michigan.gov.

Camp Scholarships

Parents/Caregivers of a child/youth with special health care needs are encouraged to apply for up to \$250 for a camp scholarship from the Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (Family Center). Camp scholarships are not just limited to face to face, virtual camps are considered as well. Applications are being accepted through **May 31, 2022**. For questions or to request the application forms, please contact the Family Phone Line at 800-359-3722.

Need Home Repairs?

Community Homeworks offers no or low-cost support to income-eligible homeowners in the City of Kalamazoo to provide critical home repairs such as HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and other health and safety issues. Call 269-998-3275 ext. 209 to see if you are eligible. For more information, visit: <https://communityhomeworks.org/>

COVID-19: Vaccination Information

COVID-19 vaccines are offered at the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department, 311 E. Alcott Street. There is no cost and no ID required.

The HCS COVID-19 vaccine clinic is open **Monday** through **Friday** from **9:00am to 3:00pm** for ages 5 years and up. If you would like to make an appointment, please call 269-373-5203. You may find additional COVID-19 updates and information at: <https://www.kalcounty.com/hcs/covid19.php>

CSHCS has been granted funds to assist CSHCS enrollees and their families as well as children with special needs in obtaining vaccinations of both COVID-19 and childhood immunizations. Please call **269-373-5010** if you are having difficulty in obtaining vaccines for your child or your family.



Kalamazoo Drop-In Child Care Center

Kalamazoo Drop-In Child Care Center (KDCCC) provides free, part-time child care for parents who are income eligible for Medicaid or meet the income requirements established by the Federal Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program. KDCCC cares for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years old and they are open **Monday** through **Friday** from **11:00am-3:00pm**. Once registered, children may attend up to 6 times per month and may reserve spots up to two weeks in advance. For more information, please call 269-382-3640 or visit <https://kdccc.org/>



Kalamazoo county Pre-K is now accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year!

Children who attend high-quality Pre-K develop early literacy, math, and fine motor skills. They tend to be more social, more independent, and better behaved. Pre-K gives little learners a big boost, setting them on a path toward a lifetime of success.

Please be aware that all children must be:

- **3 years old on or before December 1* in order to be age eligible for the 3-year-old programs.**
- **4 years old on or before December 1* in order to be age eligible for the 4-year-old programs.**

*Placement may be prioritized for children who will be 3 or 4 years old on or before September 1.

If you have questions or would like to apply, call 269-250-9333 or visit <https://www.kresa.org/Page/1368>

May Awareness

Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month -
<https://www.cff.org/>

Healthy Vision Month -
<https://www.nei.nih.gov/learn-about-eye-health/resources-for-health-educators/healthy-vision-resources/healthy-vision-month>

National Mental Health Month –
<https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Awareness-Month>

National Asthma & Allergy Awareness Month –
<https://www.aafa.org/>

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.