



HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Children’s Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Newsletter – August 2023

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 certain bleeding disorders. Call the office for more information at 269-373-5015.

Virtual Parent Connect Call

The Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (Family Center) is excited to offer a series of free virtual Parent Connect Calls monthly. The August call is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 4:00pm**. The topic for this call is Nurturing Yourself and Cultivating Community. To Register, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-connect-call-tba-tickets-433598543917?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Mileage Reimbursement

Depending on some specific factors, CSHCS can provide mileage reimbursement to medical appointments. The rate for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) is currently \$0.655 a mile. To request reimbursement for an upcoming appointment, please contact the Kalamazoo CSHCS Administrative Assistant, Melissa, at 269-373-5104.

For those who are receiving this benefit, please be advised that with the ending of the Public Health Emergency (PHE), Lansing will again be enforcing the following requirement:

Requests for NEMT reimbursement must be received by MDHHS within 90 days following the authorized month of travel to be considered for payment.

Therefore, please request your travel reimbursement prior to or by the end of each month that you travel. Also, when you receive your mileage form in the mail, please fill it out and return it to our local CSHCS office as soon as possible.

Contact Us

In order to serve you best, it is important that we are notified of any of the following changes:

1. Insurance Coverage
2. Address
3. Phone Number
4. New Specialists/Providers

Please call Kalamazoo CSHCS at 269-373-5015 to update the above information or for any other questions you may have about our program.

MI Tri-Share CHILD CARE

Southwest Child Care Resource & Shared Prosperity Kalamazoo Child Care Scholarship

Assisting families who live in one of the 3 Kalamazoo core neighborhoods
Northside
Eastside
Southside
 in reducing the cost of their child care by two-thirds for 1 child in the family.

Qualifications:

- Family must live in one of the 3 core Kalamazoo neighborhoods.
- Income must fall within the 200-325% of the Family Income Guideline (see below).

Space is limited

Apply at ccr4kids.org

- Click on Tri-Share
- Click on the Tri-Share application

Questions or concerns call 269-349-3296 ext. 245

2023 200-325% FPL Guidelines Monthly Income

Family of 2	\$3,287- \$5,341
Family of 3	\$4,143- \$6,733
Family of 4	\$5,000- \$8,125
Family of 5	\$5,857- \$9,517
Family of 6	\$6,713- \$10,909
Family of 7	\$7,570- \$12,301
Family of 8	\$8,427- \$13,693

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 office at 269-373-5015.



Vaccine Assistance

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 county Pre-K is now accepting Applications for the 2023-2024 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>



August Health Awareness

Children’s Eye Health & Safety Month –

<https://preventblindness.org/childrens-eye-health-and-safety-month-resources/>

National Breastfeeding Month -

<https://www.usbreastfeeding.org/national-breastfeeding-month.html>

National Immunization Awareness Month –

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam/index.html>

National Minority Donor Awareness Month -

<https://www.donors1.org/learn-about-organ-donation/who-can-donate/race-and-organ-donation/national-minority-donor-awareness-month/>

Psoriasis Awareness Month –

<https://www.psoriasis.org/>

Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month -

<https://www.curesma.org/>

World Lung Cancer Day – August 1 -

<https://lcfamerica.org/get-involved/events/world-lung-cancer-day/#:~:text=Tuesday%2C%20August%201st%2C%202023,more%20lung%20cancer%20research%20funding.>

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.