

# Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Newsletter – June 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.



## Simply Sayin' App

Simply Sayin' is an educational app created by the Child Life team at Phoenix Children's Hospital. The app helps you find the right words or phrases to explain and talk about an illness or injury, medical procedures or other areas of interest or concern. The app's user-friendly layout includes:

- Ready access to a large glossary of medical terms with simple explanations that are easy for kids to understand.
- A script feature to prepare children for surgery, with details about specific procedures and photos of medical equipment that may be used.
- Interactive drawing boards for various body systems to help kids become familiar with areas and approaches to treatment.
- English and Spanish translations.

The app is available free of charge in the iTunes or Google Play Stores.

## 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/>

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.



*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>

## 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.

## Her Power Her Pride Camp

Michigan Disability Rights Coalition is excited to announce that Her Power, Her Pride camp will be back this summer. Her Power, Her Pride works directly with teen girls ages 14-19 with disabilities through a unique, four-day event designed to promote critical thinking about society's messages, eliminate shame, develop leadership skills, and encourage self-acceptance. It is fully inclusive of all types of disabilities (including invisible disabilities), by providing personal attendant services, a 24-hour nurse, and inclusive menus for people with medical/religious dietary needs.

This event is grounded in disability pride and emerging research in female development and goes beyond a self-esteem program to provide a venue for real self-empowerment.

Registration for Her Power 2022 is now open. Camp runs **July 28-31, 2022**, at Camp Fish Tales in Pinconning, MI. To register or for more information, visit: <https://letasolutions.org/her-power/her-power-michigan/>

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.

## 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](mailto:csnfund@michigan.gov).



## June Awareness

**African American Music Appreciation Month** –

<https://nationaltoday.com/african-american-music-appreciation-month/>

**Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month** -

<http://www.alz.org/abam/overview.asp>

**Aphasia Awareness Month** -

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

**Great Outdoors Month** -

<https://recreationroundtable.org/events/great-outdoors-month/>

**Men's Health Month** - <https://menshealthmonth.org/>

**Migraine and Headache Awareness Month** -

<https://americanmigrainefoundation.org/>

**PTSD Awareness Month** - <https://www.ptsd.va.gov/>

**Safety Month** - <https://www.nsc.org/work-safety/get-involved/national-safety-month>

**Juneteenth World Wide Celebration - June 19, 2022**

<https://www.juneteenth.com/>