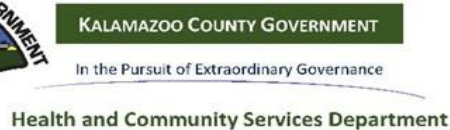


Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Newsletter– March 2019

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 269.373.5015.



Assisting People with Disabilities in an Emergency Evacuation

Having an emergency plan is important for you and your family's safety.

Some emergency situations may require individuals to leave their location quickly. People with disabilities may require different types of assistance during an evacuation.

Outlined below are quick steps to help people with disabilities throughout the evacuation process.

- Step 1. Explain what is happening
- Step 2. Assist with evacuation if needed
- Step 3. Ensure the person is not alone

Importantly, remember to remain calm and if nothing else, ask the individual how you can best support them during the evacuation

For more information please visit:
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDHHS/bulletins/23382cd>



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

Persuasive Storytelling: Discover the Power of Your Personal Story

Consider joining the Family Center for a free workshop designed to help teach the skills needed to share your story in a way that can influence change.

The event is being held at the Country Inn & Suites – Calvin Room on Friday April 5th from 9am to 3pm in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

If interested please register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/persuasive-storytelling-workshoptickets-57121366545?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Parent Mentor Bereavement Training

To support parents/caregivers who have experienced the loss of their child with special health care needs, The Family Center is holding **Parent Mentoring Trainings** for parents who have had a child with a special health care need and/or have experienced the loss of their child and would like to help other parents looking for support in their journey with grief.

For more information and to register, please use this link

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ann-arbor-bereavement-parent-mentor-training-march-23-2019-tickets-57418189350?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

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.

Housing Choice Voucher Program

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority is now accepting applications for the Housing Choice Voucher Program. This is a rental assistance program for those that are of a low income and are non-elderly and disabled. To qualify you must be a Kalamazoo County Resident and the head of household, co-head, or spouse must be under age 62 and live with a disability.

Application are open April 1, 2019 at 8am until April 30, 2019 at 5pm.

For more information and to submit your application please visit

Sensory Friendly Performances with the Civic Youth Theatre

Join the Civic Youth Theatre for two upcoming performances that are designed for those who may have sensory processing differences. These performances will also be ASL signed performances.

Madagascar Jr – A Musical is being held in the Civic Auditorium on Saturday March 16, at 10 am.

Pippi Longstocking- a Play with music in the Parish Theatre on Saturday, May 25, at 10 am.

Tickets are \$5.00 and are available through the Box Office at KazooCivic.com or 296.343.1313.

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.

For more information visit changethestory.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.