

Local Health Jurisdiction Resources for Children with Special Health Care Needs

1. **Lucille Packard Foundation for Children's Health** – Through its grant making, research, policy advocacy, and community engagement work, the Foundation supports efforts that promote development of systems that delivers family-centered, high-quality health care and related services, funded through an efficient and comprehensive payment system. The Foundation has issued a series of Issue Briefs on children with special healthcare needs, and funds the California Community Care Coordination Collaborative (5Cs) with the goal of improving local systems of care for children and families. The learning collaborative comprises county coalitions with representatives from the California Children's Services Program, Regional Centers, Family Resource Centers, Early Start, as well as pediatricians, public health nurses, and special education and mental health professionals. Visit their web site at: <http://www.lpfch.org/about/>
 - a. Publication: Standards for Systems of Care for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs, March 2014, at: <http://www.amchp.org/AboutAMCHP/Newsletters/member-briefs/Documents/Standards%20Charts%20FINAL.pdf>
 - b. Program for Children with Special Health Care Needs: <http://lpfch-cshcn.org/>
2. **Help Me Grow** - is a system that connects at-risk children with the services they need. Help Me Grow is a solution that builds on existing resources that assists states in identifying at-risk children, then helps families find community-based programs and services. California has 9 Help Me Grow affiliate counties and 15 additional counties are exploring implementation of this interagency system. Visit their web site at: <http://www.helpmegrownational.org/>
3. **Learn the Signs. Act Early.** - CDC's "Learn the Signs. Act Early" program aims to improve early identification of children with autism and other developmental disabilities so children and families can get the services and support they need. The program is made up of three components: health education campaign, Act Early Initiative and research and evaluation. Website has many resources and tools that can be downloaded for distribution. New resources added frequently: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/>
4. **Developmental and Behavioral Screening Guide for Early Care and Education Providers: The Guide** - California's Statewide Screening Collaborative (SSC) created a California-specific version of the Birth to 5: Watch Me Thrive! Guide for early care and education providers. Includes links to California resources and services: www.wested.org/resources/cpei-california-early-care-and-education-screening-guide
5. **Statewide Screening Collaborative** - a statewide activity of multiple partners to implement the California ABCD Screening Academy [Implementation Matrix](#), which aims to enhance California's capacity to promote and deliver effective and well-coordinated health, developmental and early mental health screenings for young children, ages 0-5. Visit their web site at: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/ECCS/Pages/StatewideScreeningCollaborative.aspx>
6. **First 5 California** - distributes funds to local communities through the state's 58 individual counties, all of which have created their own local First 5 county commissions. Visit their web site at: <http://www.cfc.ca.gov/>

7. **Birth to 5: Watch Me Thrive!** - a coordinated federal effort to encourage healthy child development, universal developmental and behavioral screening for children, and support for the families and providers who care for them. Provides tools and resources for a wide range of groups, including primary care providers, home visitors, early care and education providers, families, communities, child welfare workers, housing and homeless shelter providers and behavioral health providers. Visit their web site at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/eecd/child-health-development/watch-me-thrive>
8. **Strengthening Organizations Strategies to Support Families & Communities** - a nationally recognized alliance of experienced trainers, organizational development coaches, facilitators, and support staff providing training, coaching, facilitation, and technical assistance for community-based organizations, county agencies, and networks. Strategies' focus is child abuse and neglect prevention and early intervention. Join the mailing list for an e-newsletter. <http://www.familyresourcecenters.net/>
9. **Children Now** - the leading non-partisan national, state and local research, policy development, and advocacy organization dedicated to improving children's overall well-being. Their web site is located at: <http://www.childrennow.org/> Please review the Developmental Screening Infographic in English and Spanish at: <http://www.childrennow.org/reports-research/developmental-screening-infographic/>
10. **Child Care & Early Education Research Connections** – resources indexed and housed on the *Research Connections* site cover a broad spectrum of research on child care and early education and related policies. The collection brings together original research, syntheses, datasets, and other research-related resources from the wide range of social science disciplines and professional fields that study early care and education. Sign up for their e-newsletter under 'Make Connections' at: <http://www.researchconnections.org/childcare/collection.jsp> The June 19, 2015 edition Topic of Interest highlights resources on developmental screening and assessment at: <http://us1.campaign-archive2.com/?u=191805b2c23e283b967d6ee10&id=6872775749>
11. **California's Service System for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs; Analysis and Recommendations for a Service System that Works for Children and Families, December 2009**, located at: <http://www.lpfch.org/californiaservicesystem/servicesystemreport.pdf>
12. **California MAP to Inclusion and Belonging – Inclusion Works! Creating Child Care Programs That Promote Belonging for Children with Special Needs** - California Department of Education publication designed to provide guidance on proven strategies that promote belonging and inclusion for all children. <http://cainclusion.org/camap/inclusionworks.html> Specific county services, resources, and activities related to inclusion of children with disabilities in child care at: <http://cainclusion.org/camap/counties.html>
13. **Bright Futures** – recommendations, guidelines and resources for prevention and health promotion for infants, children, adolescents and their families. Visit with web site at: <https://brightfutures.aap.org/about/Pages/About.aspx>

Bright Futures Handouts – downloadable information sheets to support Bright Future presentations at: <https://brightfutures.aap.org/materials-and-tools/Pages/Presentations-and-Handouts.aspx>

Bright Futures Implementation Tip Sheets - <https://brightfutures.aap.org/clinical-practice/Pages/default.aspx>

14. **National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs** - looks at the health and functional status of children with special health care needs; their physical, emotional and behavioral health, along with critical information on access to quality health care, care coordination of services, access to a medical home, transition services for youth, and the impact of chronic condition(s) on the child's family. <http://www.childhealthdata.org/learn/NS-CSHCN>
15. **National Center for Medical Home Implementation: Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs** at: http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org/how/care_delivery/cyshcn.aspx
16. **Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs** – a national resource, partner and advocate for state public health leaders and others working to improve the health of women, children, youth and families, including those with special health care needs.
<http://www.amchp.org/programsandtopics/CYSHCN/Pages/default.aspx>
AMCHP, with support from the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, developed a set of standards designed to help communities, states, and the nation build and improve systems of care for CSHCN:
<http://www.amchp.org/programsandtopics/CYSHCN/Documents/Standards%20Charts%20FINAL.pdf>
17. Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) - Maternal and Child Health (MCH) program addresses issues affecting families, women of reproductive age, infants, children, and adolescents, including those with special healthcare needs. It works to increase state capacity to develop and implement policies and programs that respond to MCH challenges and effectively promote state MCH. It builds opportunities for state health agencies and others to work together to improve maternal and child health across the nation.
<http://www.astho.org/Programs/Maternal-and-Child-Health/>
ASTHO Issue Brief: Bright Futures and State Implementation: <http://www.astho.org/Maternal-and-Child-Health/bright-futures/>

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