

Children's Special Health Care Services Mid-Michigan District Health Department

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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Coming soon to a location near you! We are very excited to announce that we will soon have dates and locations for Sibshops.

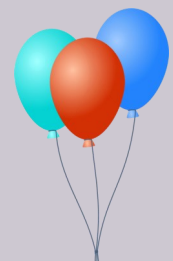
You may be asking yourself, what are Sibshops?

Sibshops are best described as events. They are lively, pedal-to-the-metal celebrations of the many contributions made by brothers and sisters of kids with special needs. Sibshops acknowledge that being a brother or sister of a person with special needs is for some a good thing, others a not-so-good thing, and for many somewhere in between. They reflect a belief that brothers and sisters have much to offer one another—if they are given a chance. The Sibshop model combines information and discussion activities with new games (designed to be unique, off-beat, and appealing to a wide range of ability).

We are looking for siblings between the ages of 8-13, to help launch these events. Please fill out the form included in your newsletter and return it to us. If you have any questions regarding Sibshops, contact us via email at ashaffer@mmdhd.org or by phone at 989.831.3637.

Save the date!

Join us for the 4th Annual Family Fun Day Picnic, on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the Ithaca High School Football Complex! *New this year—a photo booth!*





Playgroups consist of small groups of parents with their babies to preschoolers and a parent educator.



We want to hear from YOU!

The CSHCS staff would like to know your thoughts on our Family Fun Day event. We invite you to go online and fill out a short survey to help us plan for the next event. This survey also includes questions about our newsletter and services. We value your input! Please visit the link below or simply scan the QR code from your smartphone!



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZXF36VJ>

Early On and Great Start Playgroups

Clinton County:

Children ages Birth to Five
Playgroups are held at CCRESA Ed Center
 4179 S. U.S. 27, St. Johns
 Phone: 989-224-6831

Tuesday: 5:30—6:30 PM
 February: 7, 14, 21, 28
 March: 7, 14, 21, 28

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 February: 7, 14, 21, 28
 March: 7, 14, 21, 28

Wednesday: 10:00-11:00 AM
 February: 1, 8, 15, 22
 March: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Gratiot County:

Children ages Birth to Three
Playgroups are held at Westgate School
 840 W. Cheesman Rd., St. Louis
 Phone: 989-875-5101 x2351

Wednesday: 10:00-11:30 AM
 February: 1, 8, 15, 22
 March: 8, 15, 22
 April: 12, 19, 26

Montcalm County:

Children ages Birth to Four
Playgroups are held at MACC
 1550 W. Sidney Rd., in Sidney
 Phone: 616-225-6146 to register

Thursdays 9:30 AM—11:00 AM
 February: 2, 9, 16, 23
 March: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 April: 13, 20, 27
 May: 4, 11, 18, 25

Playgroups at MacNaughton Elementary
 415 Cedar St., Howard City
Tuesday 9:30 am—11:00 am
 February: 7, 14, 21, 28
 March: 7, 14, 21, 28
 April: 11, 18, 25
 May: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Playgroups at Seiter Education Center
 1401 E. VanDeinse St., Greenville
Friday 9:30 am—11:00 am
 February: 10, 17, 24
 March: 10, 17, 24
 April: 21, 28
 May: 5, 12, 19, 26

CSHCS Resources

CSHCS is on Facebook!

MMDHD has a CSHCS parent support Facebook page for our families. It features many aspects of CSHCS and is a place to ask questions. The page and all its posts are private, to keep our families privacy in mind. All we need is an e-mail address to be able to send an invite to you, and then we can add you to our page. Please contact your county representative or our parent liaison, Amanda Shaffer, at ashaffer@mmdhd.org if you are interested in being added to the group.



Michigan Family 2 Family Health Information Center

The Michigan Family to Family Health Information Center (MI F2F) is an information and resource website for families of children and youth with special health care needs. MI F2F also works with health and other professionals to better serve families facing disability and health issues. The site is staffed by family members who have experienced raising a child with special health care needs. The website provides information including:

- Resources for parents and providers
- Event calendars, newsletters and webinars
- Tips for working with health care providers and health plans
- Transitioning to adulthood planning



For more information, visit: <https://f2fmichigan.org>

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Additional information and support for parents, caregivers and guardians is available through the Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs. Call 1-800-359-3722 to reach The Family Phone Line at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, or visit www.michigan.gov/cshcs for more information.

What is Children's Special Health Care?

Children's Special Health Care is a plan to find, diagnose and treat children with a chronic illness or disease. It provides medical advocacy and financial assistance to children with qualifying medical conditions.

Children under 21 and some adults with certain medical conditions are identified by a CSHCS doctor. Families of all incomes are eligible to join, even if you have other health insurance. For some families, there is a fee, but you can always contact us to see if it is beneficial for your family.

CSHCS can pay specialty medical bills, cover co-pays and deductibles from private insurance—helping you to keep your private insurance. It can help with transportation costs for medical care and help find specialists.

For more information, contact your county representative on page 4!

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How are we doing?

We value your opinion of our CSHCS and other health department services! Please take a few minutes to complete our Client Satisfaction Survey by visiting the link below or scanning the QR Code on your smart phone. Thank you!



https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CHED_CSS

Notes for parents...

- *The Health Department has a new electronic medical record system. As a result, you may notice some changes in the look of our forms and letters.*
- *Please inform the Health Department and the Department of Health and Human Services if you have any changes in phone number and/or address!*

