

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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Family Fun Day Picnic!

Please save the date for the 4th annual CSHCS Family Fun Day Picnic. Join us for games, prizes, pizza, photo booth, community resource information, door prizes and more!

Saturday May 20, 2017

11:30am - 2:30pm

Ithaca High School Football Complex

Can you volunteer? We would love to have your help! Contact us at 989.831.3637 for details.



Sibshops are special events that recognize the brothers and sisters of persons with special needs. The Sibshops model combines information and discussion with fun activities to help support family members.

The first MMDHD Sibshop will take place on Saturday, June 3rd, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM, at the St. Louis Church of Christ. Participants do not need to be Gratiot County residents. If you are interested in attending, or have questions, contact Amanda, our parent liaison, at ashaffer@mmdhd.org or (989)831-3637. Sibshop events are also being planned in Clinton and Montcalm Counties. Stay tuned for more details!



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



Weather Planning!



Spring and summer bring opportunities for family fun. But what happens if it rains? Going to the movies, library, or children’s museum, or enjoying indoor picnics, crafts or board games are just a few options to consider.

In case of weather emergencies, it is important to have a family plan. Having access to electricity, water, medications, food, and safe shelter are just a few of the things families with unique needs must consider. Preparing and planning can provide peace of mind. For more information, visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/disabilityandsafety/emergency.html> or www.michigan.gov/cshcs

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**
No dates in April or May
- Tuesday: 10:00-11:00 AM**
No dates in April or May
- Wednesday: 10:00-11:00 AM**
No dates in April or May

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**
April: 12, 19, 26
May: no dates

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**
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
 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
 April: 21, 28
 May: 5, 12, 19, 26

We want to hear from YOU!

The CSHCS staff would like to know your thoughts on our Family Fun Day event, our newsletter and our services. We invite you to go online and fill out a short survey to help us plan. We value your input! Please visit the link below or simply scan the QR code from your smartphone! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZXF36VJ>



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>

This project was made available by a HRSA grant to the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI)

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!*

