



The Family Center is a section of the Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Division of the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). CSHCS is part of MDCH's Bureau of Family, Maternal and Child Health.

CSHCS primarily provides medical specialty care to children with a qualifying diagnosis. The Family Center serves families of all children with special needs. The Family Support Network of Michigan (FSN) is the Family Center's parent-to-parent support arm.

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1-800-359-3722  
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*Events and resources are compiled by the Family Center from a variety of sources. A listing does not stand for endorsement.*

## A Word from Mary...

We're very excited that word is getting out about the conference scholarship opportunity for youth and young adults. The Family Center introduced the *Conference Scholarship for Youth and Young Adults* in fiscal year 2008-2009. Michigan residents are encouraged to apply for a scholarship to help cover expenses for you (and a caregiver) to attend **a conference related to your diagnosis, condition or treatment**. We will also consider conferences on school issues, advocacy, self-determination and life skills. We awarded one scholarship the first year. We have already processed one application this year for a young adult to attend a technology related conference in California. Watch for conference reports in future issues.

*Mary J. Marin*

## Ingham County Health Department - Information on incontinent supplies

As of December 1, 2009, CSHCS is not able to cover incontinent supplies for non-Medicaid families enrolled in our program. This has caused real challenges for many families who now have to purchase these supplies out of pocket. The Ingham County Health Department CSHCS office has been working with Olivet Baptist Church to create a place for families to drop off extra incontinent supplies that they may have. They are also willing to be a resource for families to be able to obtain a weeks supply of incontinent products if the requested items are available from the donations. **This resource is available for Ingham county residents only.** You may drop off any unused incontinent supplies at: Olivet Baptist Church, Tuesday -Friday (between the hours of 9 am to 2 pm), 5455 Willoughby Rd., Lansing.(517)887-0988. There will be a box in front of the church entry to drop off items. If you are inquiring about items that may be available, please call the church office during the times indicated above. You may also call the church office for information about items available and to arrange for pick up.

*For more information or questions regarding this new resource, please call the Ingham County Health Department CSHCS staff. Sharon Morgan-517-887-4501, Theresa Buycks-517-887-4553 or Nancy Sinnaeve-517-887-4309. You may also call the Family Phone Line at 800-359-3722 and ask to be transferred to any of the above phone numbers. **Thanks to Ingham for going above and beyond!***

**Insurance Training** The Family Center is facilitating a training on insurance issues. Kathy Neville, Insurance Advocate, will be the primary presenter. She is recognized both statewide and nationally as an expert on insurance. Amy Chapko, Insurance Specialist for Children's Special Health Care Services, will also be presenting. The training will be held on May 14, 2010 at the *Crowne Plaza Hotel*, Grand Rapids. Time will be 9 am-4 pm. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

If overnight accommodations are necessary, the hotel is offering rooms with a special rate of \$82.00 + 14% tax. You can call the hotel at (616)957-1770 to make your reservation. You must mention Michigan Department of Community Health to receive this rate. **There is no charge for this training, however space is limited. Call (800)359-3722 to register or for more information.** *The Insurance Training program is supported in part by Grant Number D70MC09826, State Implementation Grant Systems of Services for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, HRSA, US DHHS.*

## **April is Month of the Young Child**

The National Association for the Education of the Young Child (NAEYC) first established April as the Month of the Young Child in 1971. The Michigan Association for the Education of the Young Child (MiAEYC) joined the celebration in 1985. Children's early years are the foundation for growth and development. Children are constantly learning. What they are learning depends on their physical health, social-emotional health, relationships, and daily interactions and experiences.

### ***Help celebrate the Month of the Young Child***

For additional information: (517)336-9700 or (800)336-6424.

E-mail: [MOYC@MiAEYC.org](mailto:MOYC@MiAEYC.org) Web site: [www.MiAeyc.org](http://www.MiAeyc.org)

## **WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES**

*Michigan Family-To-Family Health Information & Education Center* is offering the following trainings in the month of April.

**To see the complete list or to register for a session, visit [www.bridges4kids.org/f2f](http://www.bridges4kids.org/f2f)**

### **Marquette, MI**

Bullying and Positive Behavior Reinforcement, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Marquette-Alger RESA, 321 E Ohio St., Marquette Contact (800)221-9105

Communication and Self Advocacy Training, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Marquette-Alger RESA, 321 E. Ohio St., Marquette Contact (800)221-9105

### **Indian River, MI**

Bullying and Positive Behavior Reinforcement, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Cheyboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle ESD, 6065 Learning Lane, Indian River Contact (800)221-9105

Communication and Self Advocacy Training, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Cheyboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle ESD, 6065 Learning Lane, Indian River Contact (800)221-9105

### **Lawrence, MI**

Is Your Teen Ready For Adult Life?, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Van Buren ISD, 490 Paw Paw St., Lawrence Contact (800) 359-3722

Helping Families and Young Adults Protect Their Rights, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Van Buren ISD, 490 Paw Paw St., Lawrence Contact (800)359-3722

### **Cadillac, MI**

Planning for a Child's Education Training, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Baker College of Cadillac, 9600 E. 13<sup>th</sup> St, Cadillac Contact (800)552-4821

### **West Branch, MI**

Becoming a Family Support Network (FSN) Parent, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Quality Inn, 2980 Cook Road, West Branch Contact (800) 359-3722

### **Kalamazoo, MI**

Becoming a Family Support Network (FSN) Parent, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Parent to Parent of SW MI, 406 E. Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo Contact (800) 359-3722

**♥♥Congratulations to Valerie.** Our office manager, Valerie Kimmons has recently married.♥♥

Her new name is Valerie Smith. We're getting used to it and assume that she is also.

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☺ The spinal column is a long bunch of bones. The head sits on the top, and you sit on the bottom.

From: [www.butlerwebs.com](http://www.butlerwebs.com) –jokes from fifth graders.