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Good Morning,

Michigan Family Connections (a quarterly newsletter published by the Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs and the Michigan Family to Family Health Information Center) is seeking personal stories and/or poems from families of children and youth with special health care needs for a special edition newsletter.

We are looking for stories of emotion, courage and lessons learned. Stories that highlight the experience of living with all abilities, including your joys, your sorrows and your pride. We ask that you please be respectful of others and be sure all opinions and beliefs are stated as your own. If you cite facts within your story, please provide a link to a credible source. By submitting your story you are agreeing to have it published in the newsletter without financial compensation. Your story may be subjected to edits as necessary for length and content.

You may submit your original, unpublished personal story or poems of up to 550 words on the following *suggested* topics:

- Grief and Acceptance
- Youth or Young Adult living with a disability
- Affordable Care Act
- Inclusion
- Transition
- Siblings/Family/Relationships
- Family-Centered Care
- Newborn Screening
- Mental Health
- Peer to Peer Support

We are looking for stories that deal with the many different emotions and experiences we can all relate to as families of children and youth with special health care needs. We request that you also submit a picture of yourself and/or your child to include with your story, along with a phone number and email where you can be reached.

Depending on the number of stories received, not all submissions will be used for the special edition. We will contact you, however, if another opportunity comes up for inclusion in a future newsletter. We value all contributions and look forward to reading your stories. Please send your story to Michigan Family Connections Newsletter by January 10th. You may submit via email to f2fmichigan@mphi.org or huckleberryL@michigan.gov

Thank-you,

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