



# Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs



- ☑ **Care Coordination/Medical Home:**
  - **Care Coordination: Empowering Families Training:** Care coordination is intended to integrate care among multiple service providers, enhance the caregiving ability of the family and maximize the potential of the child.
    - [www.region4genetics.org/education/care-coordination](http://www.region4genetics.org/education/care-coordination)
  - A **Medical Home** builds partnerships with clinical specialists, families, and community resources.
    - **Michigan Family to Family Health Information Center:** [www.f2fmichigan.org](http://www.f2fmichigan.org)
    - **National Center for Medical Home Implementation:** Building Your Medical Home Guide, Building Your Care Notebook: [www.medicalhomeinfo.aap.org](http://www.medicalhomeinfo.aap.org)
  
- ☑ **Becoming a Parent Mentor:**
  - **Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (Family Center)** offers a free interactive Parent Mentor Training, where parents/caregivers who have a child with special health care needs can learn about supporting others through peer-to-peer support. **Family Phone line:** 800-359-3722
  
- ☑ **Emotional health CYE:**
  - **Epilepsy Foundation of America:** a community-based, family-led organization dedicated to improving the lives of all people impacted by seizures. [www.epilepsyfoundation.org](http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org)
  - **Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan:** Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan is committed to protecting the rights of people with epilepsy and ensuring that they have access to needed services.
    - **Camp Discovery:** [www.epilepsymichigan.org](http://www.epilepsymichigan.org)
  - **Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs** offers a Parent to Parent Support Network where parents can request to talk to another parent who has a child with a similar diagnosis and experience. [www.michigan.gov/cshcs](http://www.michigan.gov/cshcs)
  - **Parent to Parent USA:** [www.p2pusa.org](http://www.p2pusa.org)
  - **The Epilepsy Foundation Kids Crew:** CYE learn about epilepsy, gaining confidence, creating awareness, educating their classmates, etc. [www.epilepsy.com/kids-crew](http://www.epilepsy.com/kids-crew)
  
- ☑ **Being an advocate for CYE**
  - **Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan:** [www.epilepsymichigan.org](http://www.epilepsymichigan.org)
  - **Epilepsy Foundation of America:** [www.epilepsyfoundation.org](http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org)
    - **Teens Speak Up:** This program provides an opportunity for teens with epilepsy and their parents to visit the nation's capital, receive advocacy training, etc.
    - **Parents Partnering for Change Leadership:** Parent Leadership in State Government is an inter-agency effort in Michigan, designed to identify, recruit, train, mobilize, deploy, and support parents so that their voices can help shape policy at the local, state and federal level.
      - [www.facebook.com/ParentLeadershipinStateGovernment](https://www.facebook.com/ParentLeadershipinStateGovernment)
  - **Michigan Alliance for Families:** [www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org](http://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org)
  
- ☑ **Transition to adulthood for CYE**
  - **Children Special Health Care Services:** *Transition to Adulthood Guidebook* and the *Family Guidance: Transition Planning for Youth Guide*. [www.michigan.gov/cshcs](http://www.michigan.gov/cshcs)
  - **Got Transition:** [www.gottransition.org](http://www.gottransition.org)
  - **Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan:** [www.epilepsymichigan.org](http://www.epilepsymichigan.org)
  
- ☑ **Being a sibling of a child with chronic disease**
  - **Sibling Support/Workshops:** Sibshops are lively events just for school-age brothers and sisters of kids with special needs.
    - [www.siblingsupport.org/about-sibshops](http://www.siblingsupport.org/about-sibshops)
    - [www.siblingsupport.org/connect-with-others-sibs](http://www.siblingsupport.org/connect-with-others-sibs)