

**MEMORANDUM**  
**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**  
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**DATE:**  
**TO:** Families of Children with Special Needs  
**FROM:** Mary J. Marin, Executive Director, Family Center (FC)  
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**SUBJECT:**  **Heart-to-Heart Updates**



### **A Word from Mary...**

Big news! I am pleased to announce that CSHCS successfully created a strategic plan. In April, family members and partners met in Lansing and collectively created a 5-year plan. Family partners were from Whitmore Lake, Allen Park, Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, Bellevue, and all the way from Iron Mountain.

Statewide stakeholders included: State Independent Living Council, local health departments, Michigan Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Development Disabilities Council, Cleft Network, the Epilepsy and Hemophilia Foundations, Commission on Disability Concerns, Services for Children with Developmental Disabilities, Developmental Disabilities Institute, Oakwood Healthcare System Program for Exceptional Families, United Cerebral Palsy, Michigan Primary Care Association, Department of Education, and various Michigan Department of Community Health programs. Participating hospitals were U of M Mott Children's, Henry Ford Health System, Children's Hospital of Michigan, DeVos Children's, and MSU (including Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies).

Work groups will begin meeting to move forward the recommendations from the stakeholders around the following six outcomes that all states are working to Achieve for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs by 2010:

- Adequate insurance
- Community based/easy to use services
- Continuous screening
- Families will participating in decision making
- Medical Home
- Transition to adulthood

The Strategic Planning Outcomes were e-mailed and mailed to all the partners listed above. Go to [www.michigan.gov/cshcs](http://www.michigan.gov/cshcs) for a copy. *Mary J. Marin*♥

### **Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) & Family Center (FC) for Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs Updates**

CSHCS was able to offer mini-grants to local health departments regarding family participation. The grants were issued by the Family Center (FC) for Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs. Grants will be used for:

- Conducting family forums on a variety of topics that would assist families whose children have special health care needs
- Paying for speakers
- Paying families for travel to forums

The Family Center (FC) 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 FC serves families of all children with special needs. The Family Support Network of Michigan (FSN) is the FC's parent-to-parent support arm.

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- Paying for consultation from families regarding procedures, materials, forum construction, etc.
- Stipends
- Child care
- Event refreshments

CSHCS received 6 grant applications and all 6 were funded. These grants make it possible to assist families in actively participating in the CSHCS program! ♥

## Medical Home Update

*"A Medical Home is not a building, house, or hospital, but rather an approach to providing health care services in a high quality and cost-effective manner."*

MEDICAL HOME ACTIVITIES IN 

◆ **Medical Home Learning Collaborative:** Physician representatives meet quarterly from Detroit, Ann Arbor, Lansing, Grand Rapids, and Kalamazoo. The collaborative targets children with special needs. Its initiatives began as part of a federal project.

◆ **Patient-Centered Medical Home:** Focuses on chronic disease management, designed for care of adults and adult diseases, endorsed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield and other payers. It is promoted by the MDCH and Primary Care Consortium.

◆ **Related Projects/Activities:**

- ✓ Autism and the Medical Home
- ✓ Primary Care Consortium
- ✓ Region 4 Genetics Collaborative
- ✓ Dental Home
- ✓ Assuring Better Child Health and Development (ABCD)
- ✓ Improving Performance in Practice (IPIP)
- ✓ Early Hearing Detection Intervention (EDHI)
- ✓ Coordinated Approach To Child Health (CATCH)♥



### DOSE OF HUMOR

"Keep smiling...it makes everyone wonder what you are up to!"

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## Events

**August 10-16, 2008 National Health Center Week:** Recognizing the service and contributions of community, migrant, homeless and public housing health centers. Health Care for the Homeless Day will be observed on August 13 and the first ever Farmworker Health Day will be observed on August 14. America's Health Centers serve 17 million people (including 925,000 farmworkers and nearly 940,000 people who are homeless) in 6,000 communities in all 50 states as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam. Help celebrate and spotlight America's Health Care Heroes! More information at <http://www.healthcenterweek.org>.

**August 24, 2008 3rd Annual Fusion the Salon Cut-a-Thon :** All proceeds benefit Autism Connections. For more information, call 248-288-4860.

**September 6, 2008 Family Recognition Day:** The Newborn Screening Follow-Up Program at the MDCH is launching a Parent and Family Network initiative to increase parent and individual involvement with our program. A kick-off event is planned at the Impression 5 Science Center in Lansing. This event will be only for children of all ages (and their families) that have been diagnosed with a disorder through newborn screening program. Please contact the Newborn Screening Follow-up Program at 517-335-8938 for additional information. ♥

**September 13, 2008 Duffey Adams Walk/Run for Autism:** Join Ann Adams, her family, and friends for the 2nd annual event at Kensington Metro Park, east boat launch, in Milford. All proceeds benefit Judson Center's Autism Connections program. For more information, call Ann Adams at 248-288-3711. Registration available soon! ♥

 **Autism Society of Michigan Website:** <http://www.autism-mi.org>

 **CSHCS Course** [www.training.mihealth.org/coursedetail.htm#CSHCS](http://www.training.mihealth.org/coursedetail.htm#CSHCS)  **Heart-to-Heart Update**

[www.michigan.gov/cshcs](http://www.michigan.gov/cshcs)  **Family-to-Family Health Information & Education Center** 1-800-359-3722

or [www.bridges4kids.org/f2f](http://www.bridges4kids.org/f2f)  **Michigan Kids** <http://www.michigan.gov/mikids>♥

