

EATT

Early Adult Transition Task-Force

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The Early Adult Transition Task-Force (EATT) newsletter is back! The EATT newsletter is for young adults with special health care needs. The newsletter gives you information that might be helpful to you. Now, how about a little update? Where has the newsletter been? This newsletter is sponsored by the Department of Community Health, Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) and as you may or may not know, the state of Michigan was going through budget problems. Because of budget problems we were not able to get this newsletter out to you. This year's budget has been fixed for now and luckily, the CSHCS program did not receive any budget cuts this year. The newsletter and task-force will continue.

The CSHCS program is planning on holding the annual EATT meeting this year. The meeting will most likely be in May. We would like to hear any suggestions you may have for the meeting. Let us know where you would like to have the meeting and what types of topics you would like to talk about. If you have any thoughts please e-mail them to DCH-EATT@michigan.gov. Or you can log on to our blog at <http://dch-eatt.blogspot.com/>



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Insurance Terms

For people with special health needs, knowing how health insurance works is important. You may have insurance on your parents plan, CSHCS, or are thinking of buying your own insurance when you get older. You should have some basic info about how things work. Here are a few definitions that might be helpful to you:

Co-pay: A fixed dollar amount that a member must pay for a service at the time the service is received. Each time you go to the doctor you may have to pay this fixed amount.

Deductible: A flat amount a group member must pay before the insurance company will start to pay your bills.

Premium: A payment or series of payments made to a health plan by plan member, for medical benefits. A premium may be taken out of a paycheck.

Opportunities Knocking!!



Conference Scholarships:

The Family Center for Youth and Children with Special Health Care Needs (Family Center) has put together a conference scholarship program for youth. It is available for all young adults aged 16-26 who are eligible for or had been eligible for Children's Special Health Care Services. The Family Center will help pay for you to attend a conference so you can get more information about your medical condition and about how to be an advocate. The scholarship may help pay for conference registrations, mileage, airfare, and lodging expenses while attending the conference. This is a really great opportunity to get the information you want and to stay informed. If you are interested and want to complete an application call the Family Center at their toll-free number 1-800-359-3722 and ask for a youth conference scholarship application. They will explain to you how to complete it and what steps to take to return it. If you have questions about the scholarship you can also e-mail the EATT task-force at

DCH-EATT@michigan.gov



Wait there is more!!



**Children with
Special Needs Fund**

Camp Scholarships:

For over 60 years the Children with Special Needs Fund has been providing support for children and youth in Michigan with special health care needs. The Fund helps buy equipment and pay for some services, which cannot be paid for by other means, which promote health, movement and development, to enhance the lives of children, youth, and their families. The CSN Fund provides help to buy wheelchair ramps, van lifts, therapeutic tricycles and sometimes air conditioners when needed for a medical condition.

The Children with Special Needs Fund is excited to announce its 2008 Summer Camp Scholarship Program. Anyone who is eligible for CSHCS is eligible to apply for a summer camp scholarship up to \$500. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. You must make sure the camp is able to accommodate your special needs and has a camp license issued by the State of Michigan. If the camp is operated by a university, school district or city/township parks and recreation program, it does not need to have a camp license. Camps must be located in Michigan. We will begin accepting applications on April 1, 2008.

If you would like further information about how to apply, please visit our website at www.Michigan.gov/csnfund or contact us by phone at 1-800-359-3722 and ask for the CSN Fund.