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California Advocacy Network for Children with Special Health Care Needs

News, policy updates, resources, events, and advocacy opportunities

Children with Medical Complexity

An Opportunity to Share Work on Medical Complexity

Apply by **May 17** to lead a workshop or present at an interactive session during the Putting Care at the Center 2021 virtual conference in October. The conference theme is *Trust, Trauma, and Healing in our Communities*. [Learn more](#).

Archived Webinar: Transformative Family Partnerships



Webinar: [Caring for Children with Medical Complexity through Transformative Family Partnership](#) – from the National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs

Host a Local Convening on Complex Care

The National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs is accepting proposals from organizations to hold a regional convening in their community to encourage creation of coordinated systems of care for individuals with complex health and social needs. [Read more and apply](#) by **May 19**.

Transition to Adult Care

Telehealth Toolkit Provides Guidance for Joint Pediatric/Adult Transition Visit

Got Transition has created tip sheets that can help ease the transition between pediatric and adult care. One document offers pediatric and adult clinicians sample content that can be used to facilitate a “warm handoff,” and the other provides the young adult with information that explains the telehealth visit. [Read more](#) (PDF).

Webinar: Transition Planning for the Fully Dependent Child

Date Thursday, May 20
Time 12 to 1 p.m. Pacific Time
Sponsors Pennsylvania’s Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition, Greater Illinois Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition, Children’s Hospice & Palliative Care Coalition of California, Jacob’s Heart Children’s Cancer Support Services, and the CSU Shiley Institute for Palliative Care
Details Before a medically complex, fully dependent child turns 18, families need to make decisions regarding adult medical care, medications, guardianship, and more. Pediatric providers need to understand the logistical and emotional challenges faced by families. Speakers will discuss issues to consider and strategies to manage them. [Read more and register](#). Fee.

Family Engagement

Family Voices Leadership Conference to Be Virtual

Registration is open for the virtual 2021 Family Voices Leadership Conference, scheduled for mid-June with the theme of *Families as Partners Shaping the Future in Times of Crisis*. Topics will include health equity, supporting families during the pandemic, telehealth, family and youth engagement, organizational development, communication strategies, and having an impact on policy. Our Foundation is a co-sponsor of the conference. [Read more and register in English or Español](#).

Caregiving

National Summit to Focus on Caregivers

Caregivers, both paid and unpaid, are crucial to maintaining the health care system, yet their work is not adequately recognized or compensated. The free, virtual National Caregiver Summit on May 25 will offer the opportunity for caregivers, advocates, and thought leaders to identify and support solutions to issues that affect all caregivers – family members, home health workers, community health workers, etc. The summit is sponsored by Health Leads and the Stanford Clinical Excellence Research Center, with support from our Foundation. [Read more and register](#).

Telehealth

Webinar: Medicaid Telehealth Policies for Children and Youth

Date Friday, May 7
Time 11 a.m. Pacific Time
Sponsor Center for Connected Health Policy
Details A growing number of Medicaid programs facilitate the delivery of health care services to children and youth via telehealth in primary care, educational, and residential settings. This webinar will feature presentations on current trends and innovations in Medicaid telehealth policy for children and youth. [Register](#).

Care Coordination

Archived Webinar: Shared Plans of Care



The recording and presentation slides of the webinar [CARE_PATH for Kids: A Family-Centered Approach to Shared Plans of Care](#) are now available.

COVID-19 Information

A Snapshot of Pandemic’s Impact on Family Finances, Education, Relationships

Families have faced enormous challenges during the pandemic. The American Academy of Pediatrics, in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Prevent Child Abuse America, and Tufts Medical Center, queried 3,000 parents and caregivers of children under the age of 18. Their responses cover family life and positive and adverse childhood experiences. Our Foundation provided some support for this work. [Read more](#).

Our COVID-19 [web page](#) offers additional information and resources.

California Children’s Services

CCS Advisory Group Considers Whole Child Model Evaluation, Enhanced Care Management, More

A first look at the ongoing evaluation of the Whole Child Model topped the agenda for the April 22 meeting of the CCS Advisory Group. [Slides](#) (PDF) from the meeting provide extensive details on items the group discussed, which also included an explanation of upcoming care management changes planned through the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative, and a report on the Title V Needs Assessment.

High Risk Infant Follow-Up in Whole Child Model Counties

Medi-Cal managed care organizations now deliver services to California Children’s Services clients in 21 counties, under a program called the Whole Child Model (WCM). The [Children’s Regional Integrated Service System](#) has monitored the implementation of the WCM and has developed a series of issue papers identifying potential strategies to address issues and concerns. We are featuring one paper in each of the next several newsletters.

The fourth paper suggests that some WCM Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans are not routinely referring cases for High Risk Infant Follow-Up to their counties as required. The paper recommends that the Department of Health Care Services assess the extent of this issue and also develop and implement a standardized referral form for all WCM plans to notify the appropriate CCS county. [Read the current and past papers](#).

National Policy

New Emergency Broadband Benefit to Help Families Connect

Beginning May 12, eligible households may apply for discounts on monthly broadband service and purchase of computers or tablets under a new federal program. Families on Medicaid may qualify. [Read more](#).

Events

Virtual Author Series: David Marquet on Leadership

Date Tuesday, May 11
Time 5 p.m. Pacific Time
Sponsor Support for Families of Children with Disabilities
Details A free discussion of organizational leadership, including how to create workplaces where staff feel empowered and in turn inspire families to be leaders. [Read more and register](#).

Sign Up for AMCHP Annual Conference

Date May 24-27
Location Virtual
Sponsor Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs
Details This year’s theme is *Global Meets Local: A Global Approach for Local Outcomes*. Read more and [register](#). Fee.

Funding Opportunity

Media Scholarship for Youth

The American Association of People with Disabilities offers eight NBCUniversal Tony Coelho Media Scholarships for the Fall semester of 2021. High school seniors, undergraduate, and graduate students with disabilities who are pursuing careers in media, communications, or entertainment industries may [apply](#). Deadline is **May 20**.

In the News

- [‘Crip Camp’ Team’s Appearance at Oscars Marks ‘Tipping Point’ for Inclusion](#)
Disability Scoop, 4/27/21
- [Biden Seeks \\$400 Billion to Buttress Long-Term Care. A Look at What’s at Stake.](#)
Disability Scoop, 4/20/21
- [New Report Offers Guidance for Pediatricians on How to Prevent Abuse of Children with Disabilities](#)
STAT News, 4/19/21
- [Schools Still Ill-Equipped to Serve Special-Ed Students with Mental Illnesses](#)
Association of Health Care Journalists, 4/15/21

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