In her column for the *Healthcare Outcomes* (ECHO) project, an evidence-based collaborative model of medical education and peer innovation network to advance care for children with medical complexity, a writer reflects on the practical impact of the pandemic on her family, particularly in a community with low vaccination rates.

### Parent Leadership Training Helps Bring a Dream to Life

Mia Vasquez, born with a severe form of cerebral palsy, was not expected to live past her first birthday. As she grew to 10 to 11 years old, she played on only a wheelchair-accessible playground. This changed when Mia’s parents learned of a new all-abilities playground, is open to the public in the community in Hayward, California.

### Perspectes on Using Telehealth to Improve Complex Care

A collection of peer-reviewed research, case studies, tools, and on-the-ground perspectives provides recent evidence regarding telehealth-delivered interventions for people with complex needs, and practical strategies to support their effective implementation. The collection was compiled by The Playbook, an online resource center that offers up-to-date recordings. A new recording, *Perspectives on Using Telehealth to Improve Complex Care*, is now available on the Playbook website.

### Chronic Disease Care in the COVID-19 Pandemic

The National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs has announced that the *42nd Annual Conference on Chronic Disease Care in the COVID-19 Pandemic* will be held virtually on **January 27-29, 2022**. The conference will focus on the impact of the pandemic on chronic disease care and the strategies for improving care in the post-pandemic era.

**Register** for the conference now.

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- *Disability Scoop, 12/10/21*
  
  Court Won’t Reconsider FDA Ban on Shock Devices for Those with Disabilities

  A podcast launched by the Association of People with Disabilities and the Center for Technology and Democracy to provide a platform for people and what advocacy groups, regulators, and funders can do to make changes – from the American Foundation for Children with Autism to technology policy and technology decision-making.

- *The Hill, 12/2/21*
  
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