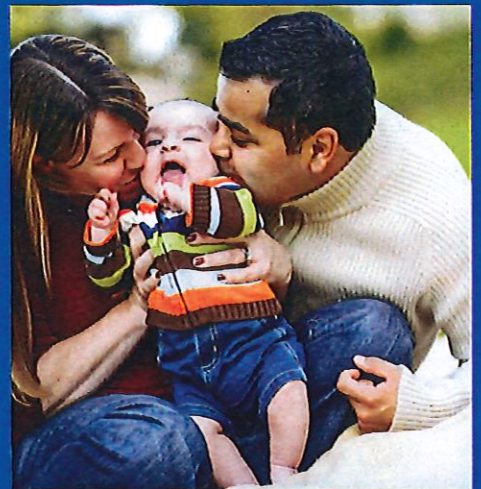


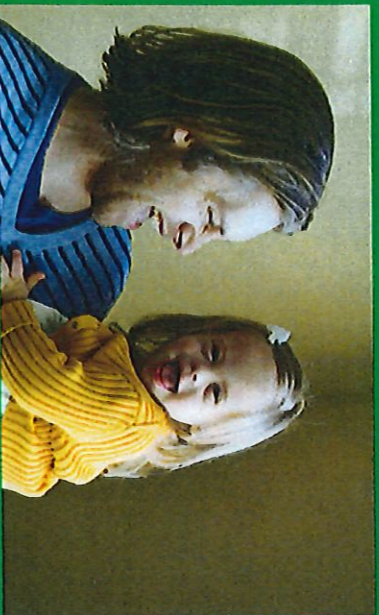
**Resources
for Families
of Infants
and Toddlers
with Special
Health Care Needs**



**Michigan Birth Defects Education,
Outreach and Surveillance Program**



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Family Support

MDHHS Birth Defects Education, Outreach and Surveillance Program provides referrals for services and support, information for families and healthcare providers, and tracks birth defect data. For questions or to request information call 866-852-1247 or visit Michigan.gov/birthdefectinfo.

The **Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs** has information and support for families of children with all types of special needs. Families may apply for scholarships to help cover the costs of summer camp and educational conferences. Call the Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Family Phone Line at 800-359-3722, e-mail cshcscf@michigan.gov or visit Michigan.gov/cshcs.

Bridges4Kids is run by parents. It has information for parents of all children from birth to adult life. Special focus is on children with disabilities, special needs, or who are at-risk. For more information, visit bridges4kids.org.

Your local **Community Mental Health Program** helps families in many ways. A case manager can help with services that fit your family's needs. Respite care, for example, gives families a short break from caring for their child with special needs. Visit michigan.gov/michiganmentalhealth.

Michigan Alliance for Families is a statewide resource to connect families of children with disabilities to resources to improve their children's education. Parents oversee the center and answer calls at 800-552-4821. Visit Michiganallianceforfamilies.org.

Michigan's Family to Family Health Information Center (MI F2F) shares information and resources on disability and health issues with families and professionals. Visit F2Fmichigan.org.

Special Health Care

Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) helps with referrals and payments for medical care and support. Many children with special health care needs are eligible. Call 800-359-3722 for information.

Children's Waiver Program helps families take care of their children in their own homes. Children with challenging conditions may qualify. Learn more and look up eligibility at Michigan.gov/michiganmentalhealth

under 'Medicaid Waivers' or call 517-241-5757 for information.

Hospice/Palliative Care

Hospice and palliative care programs serve children with life-limiting conditions. Some programs offer care and support *during pregnancy* when a life-limiting condition has been diagnosed in a family's unborn child. For information, call 517-349-8089 or visit MHHA.org.

Special Products

New technology and products help children with special needs. **Alt + Shift** has information. Staff can help you find adaptive devices, special toys, clothing, equipment, and much more. Call 517-908-3930, email info@altshift.education or visit altshift.education.

Early Intervention

Early On[®] Michigan is one of the most important supports for children with developmental delays or are at risk for delays due to certain health conditions. It provides services for eligible children from birth to age three, which may include:

- Family training (skill building)
- Counseling (family, group or individual)
- Home visits
- Special instruction (teaching)
- Speech pathology
- Hearing and vision services
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
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- Service coordination
- Diagnostic medical services
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For more information, call 800-*Early-On*, 800-327-5966, or visit 1800earlyon.org.



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