The Health Intervention Program for Families (HIP) provides expert, hands-on support to families who are raising children with special health care needs.*

Families of children with special health care needs face complex challenges. HIP provides practical and emotional support to families with infants, children and teens.

A TEAM APPROACH
HIP services are provided throughout Philadelphia by teams of trained, caring professionals. Teams may include:

- nurses
- social workers
- parent professionals (parents who know what it is like to raise a child with special needs)

EVERY FAMILY IS DIFFERENT
Every family is different, and every child has different needs. HIP teams work closely with families to address their special needs and solve their unique problems.

HIP teams help families with health care information, education, recreational needs and other issues. Team members will:

- Help you understand your child’s diagnosis.
- Go with you to your child’s doctor visits.
- Help you create a care plan for your child.
- Help you choose the best health insurance for your child.
- Go with you to an IEP meeting at your child’s school.
- Help you find community activities for your child.
- Help you locate resources. For example: “Where can I get a low-cost computer for my child?”
- LISTEN—because sometimes you just need to talk.

*The federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau defines children with special health care needs as “those children who have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional condition and who also require health and related services of a type or amount that is not required by children in general.”

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