



The Division of

Maternal, Child and Family **HEALTH**

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

Special Needs Work Group Participant Directory

2005

Executive Summary

The Special Needs Work Group (SNWG) is convened by the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Division of Maternal, Child and Family Health. The group provides a forum for discussion and exploration of mechanisms to enhance health care systems and service provision for children with special health care needs. The SNWG facilitates information exchange and networking among families, health care and insurance providers, legal advocates, as well as local, state and federal policy and planning agents who directly or indirectly influence care for CSHCN.

Group discussion is informed by anonymous case-examples to enable participants to gain a better understanding of system-level issues. Participation is open to anyone who has an interest in health care provision and social services for children and families with special health care needs.

NOTE: This directory is not a comprehensive resource guide. It provides a quick reference of those who have participated in the SNWG over the past few years. While we make every endeavor to keep it up to date, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of any given entry. If you are aware of any errors or information that is out of date, please contact MCFH at (215) 685-5232.

SNWG Agency Listing

Albert Einstein Medical Center

ACS HealthChoices Enrollment Program

Ambulatory Health Services (*see Philadelphia Department of Public Health*)

American Academy of Pediatrics, PA Chapter, EPIC IC Medical Home Program

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Bayada Nurses

Best Nest, Inc.

Bucks County Health Department

Cambridge Point Pleasant

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Programs

Chester County Health Department

Child Care Information Services of Philadelphia (CCIS)

ChildLink/ Philadelphia Health Management Corporation

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Children's Seashore House of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Community Behavioral Health (CBH)

Community Legal Services, Inc.

Concera Corporation (formerly BENOVA)/Health Choices Program

Defender Association--Child Advocacy Unit

Delaware County Children and Youth Services

Disabilities Law Project

Education Law Center of Pennsylvania

Elwyn Philadelphia Early Intervention Program

Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania

Family Friends- Temple University

Health Partners

HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy

Institute on Disabilities at Temple University

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Lauren's House

Liberty Resources, Inc.

Mayor's Commission on People with Disabilities

Montgomery County Health Department

Neurodevelopmental Pediatrics of the Main Line

North, Inc. (WIC Program)

Parents' Exchange

Pediatric Services of America, Inc.

Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation

Pennsylvania Community Providers Association

Pennsylvania Council for Children, Youth and Family Services

Pennsylvania Department of Health

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Office of Medical Assistance

Pennsylvania Health Law Project

Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY)

Philadelphia Department of Human Services

- Children and Youth Division (CYD)
- Quality Assurance Center
- Juvenile Justice Services (JJS)

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

- Ambulatory Health Services
- Maternal, Child and Family Health (MCFH)

Philadelphia Health Management Corporation (*see ChildLink*)

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Philadelphia Mental Retardation Services

Philadelphia School District

Philadelphia Welfare Rights Organization

Supportive Child Adult Network (SCAN)

Shriners Hospital for Children Philadelphia

SNI Home Care Inc.

The Social Work Agency

Special Kids Network, Community Systems Development Program, SE Regional Office

Special Needs Children and Family Health Coordination Section - Division of Special Needs

St. Christopher's Hospital for Children

- The Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs
- Specialty Care Center at Broad Street

Support Center for Child Advocates

Tabor Children's Services

Temple Pediatric Center

Temple University Children's Medical Center

Thomas Jefferson University, Child and Family Studies Research Programs (CFSRP)

- Philadelphia Inclusion Network
- Philadelphia Teaching and Learning Collaborative (TLC)
- Early Years
- Child and Family Studies Research Programs ("All Kids Together")

United Cerebral Palsy of Philadelphia and Vicinity

Ventilator Assisted Children's Home Program (VACHP)

Vision for Equality Health Care Advocacy

Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Philadelphia (VNA)

Widener Memorial School

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ALBERT EINSTEIN MEDICAL CENTER

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Albert Einstein Medical Center and its facilities at Moss Hospital provide a wide range of pediatric and adult services. The Center for Adults with Developmental Disabilities is a program for adults that often work with 21-year-olds who are transitioning into adult health care.

ACS HEALTHCHOICES ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

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Through the HealthChoices Program, MA eligible consumers residing in HealthChoices eligible counties including Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties must select a Primary Care Physician and a Health Plan. Consumers have a choice of enrolling by visiting the Enrollment

Specialist at their local County Assistance Office (CAO), calling HealthChoices Hotline at 1-800-440-3989, or by sending the enrollment form through the mail.

HealthChoices is the name of the health care program for people in Pennsylvania who have ACCESS cards. All health care services covered by the ACCESS card are now provided through physical and behavioral health plans. We assist clients in picking the health plan that best fit their needs.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS, PA CHAPTER, EPIC IC MEDICAL HOME PROGRAM

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The EPIC IC program works with physician practices statewide to develop a system of care for children with special health care needs. The program focuses on identification of children and youth with special health care needs, family centered care, links to community resources and care coordination.

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The AmeriChoice Personal Care Model emphasizes direct contact with members. We seek to involve not only the member and members of his or her family but other departments of the health plan and community-based organizations. We have an interdisciplinary team of nurses, social workers, psychologists, respiratory specialist and health educators and a disease management program for members with asthma, diabetes, hypertension, sickle cell disease and HIV/AIDS. Our Special Needs Hotline is (215) 832-4571 from 8:30 – 5:00 Monday – Friday.

BAYADA NURSES

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Bayada provides pediatric and adult skilled nursing home health aides and therapy services by an interdisciplinary team of physical therapists, speech therapists, occupational therapists and social workers.

BEST NEST, INC.

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Best Nest Inc. provides medical foster care, kinship care, adoption and prevention services (SCOH) to children and families in the Philadelphia region. The mission of the agency is to provide services to those with special needs. Best Nest also provides parenting groups for parents of chronically ill children as well as for parents with chronic illnesses.

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Bucks County Health Department is a member of the Bucks County Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC), which includes parents and agencies in Bucks County involved with early intervention (0-5).

CAMBRIDGE POINT PLEASANT

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CPP provides residential services for children and young adults with respiratory impairments and requiring mechanical interventions such as ventilators, tracheostomies, g-tubes, IV lines, oxygen, and respiratory therapy. Admission for long term, short term and respite is available.

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The Chester County Health Department provides nurse home visiting services to families with young children with special health care needs for the purposes of education and linkage with medical providers and support services. Services are free of charge and are available to any Chester County resident. Free Immunization services also available.

CHILD CARE INFORMATION SERVICES OF PHILADELPHIA (CCIS)

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Philadelphia CCIS counselors help families find, select, and pay for childcare resources. The program maintains a database of childcare programs in the Philadelphia area, which is located in five conveniently located neighborhood offices.

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CHILDLINK / PHILADELPHIA HEALTH MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (Early Intervention/PHMC)

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ChildLink serves as an entry point for the early intervention system for children from birth to age five in Philadelphia. Families and professionals can refer children who may need early intervention services because of a developmental delay, or a disability, to Childlink. Through a single call to 215-731-2110, a ChildLink Registration Coordinator will assist all callers to begin the process of developmental screening / evaluation to determine whether an infant, toddler or young child is eligible for early intervention supports and to arrange for services, if appropriate. .

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA

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The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is dedicated to improving the health of children in our region and around the globe through excellence in-patient care, innovative research and high quality education.

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The Starting Young Program is a pediatric diagnostic and referral service for children 33 months of age and younger who have open cases with the Philadelphia Department of Human Services (i.e., children placed in foster or kinship care, or who are receiving SCOH). The aim of the program is to help caregivers and child welfare professionals access primary health care, medical specialty services and early intervention services.

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA, EARLY TO LEARN PARTNERS FOR SCHOOL READINESS

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In our Primary Care Health Center, we have a Medical Home Program that works closely with families that have children with special medical needs. We collaborate very closely as a team to provide the best possible resources in order to meet the child's and families' needs. As School Readiness Specialist, I

provide support and guidance and resources on early care and education; i.e. appropriate childcare programs, developmental activities.

COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (CBH)

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Community Behavioral Health (CBH) is a part of the Behavioral Health System that manages mental health services to everyone enrolled in one of the three HealthChoices HMO's in Philadelphia County. They find the necessary services, give approval for treatment, and help with appointments, transportation, and emergencies.

COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES, INC.

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The Advocating on Behalf of Children Project (The ABC Project) of Community Legal Services, Inc. provides legal assistance to low-income children with special health needs and their families. The ABC project helps families seek and retain public benefits for their disabled children. ABC works on securing Medical Assistance, childcare, vocational rehabilitation, education, and early intervention for disabled children through age eighteen. Also, ABC assists clients in filling out new applications and accompanies clients to SSI hearings for children who lost services due to the new SSI standards under welfare reform.

DEFENDERS ASSOCIATION-- CHILD ADVOCACY UNIT

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The Child Advocacy Unit provides legal representation for children as appointed by court. They are appointed by Family Court to represent as many as 7000 children each year. The staff includes attorneys and social workers who generate independent assessments and advocate for children to get what they need. They can help solve problems by making contact with the system and moving processes along. For example, if a child needs a wheelchair or a hearing aid, the Defender's Association may be able to obtain a court order requiring delivery of equipment.

DISABILITIES LAW PROJECT

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We provide legal advocacy and/or representation to people of all ages with all types of disabilities with respect to disability discrimination and/or access to community based disability services in Pennsylvania. Our litigation activities focus primarily on systemic issues (those issues that will affect many people with disabilities). We also give advice and short-term assistance on individual issues. With respect to CSHCN, our activities have focused largely, but not exclusively, on access to services from Medical Assistance (including HealthChoices HMOs) and from the mental health and mental retardation systems.

EDUCATION LAW CENTER OF PENNSYLVANIA

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ELC provides assistance to families, advocates, and professionals on the legal right of children with special health care needs to special education and other services from the public education system. ELC operates a Parent Helpline – that is, a phone information and advice system (215-238-6970). Our webpage is www.elc-pa.org, and all of our publications can be downloaded from that site as well as other information that might be helpful to families and advocates.

ELWYN, INC.

Services for People with Mental Retardation

Media Campus
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Adult Residential Services provides campus and community-based residential options and other daily living supports. Services include supportive residential care, day activity and employment options, ancillary therapies, and recreational opportunities. Adult residential services also includes a 299 bed ICF/MR program on the Media Campus.

Philadelphia Preschool Early Intervention Program/SEEDS

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Elwyn, Inc., through its Early Childhood network, provides early intervention services to children between the ages of three and five who have developmental delays and/or disabilities and need special education. Services can be provided in the community (i.e., Head Start, day care, play group, recreation center; Early Intervention Center or the home.

EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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The Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania is a non-medical agency that provides education, support and advocacy for people with epilepsy and their families through a variety of programs and services.

FAMILY FRIENDS

Center for Intergenerational Learning
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Family Friends is a family support program for children and families with special needs living in Philadelphia. We also provide support for kinship families. Older adult volunteers are matched with a child/family, and visit weekly providing friendship, respite, attention and care that is unique to grandparents and Family Friends. Additional support for Kinship families includes Saturday Respite Trips, and social work services. All services are provided at no cost to eligible families.

HEALTH PARTNERS

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Health Partners helps to coordinate services between medical providers and increase access to care. Outreach is provided by telephone and home visits.

HMS SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY

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We are an approved private school with day and boarding students that provides special education and PT, OT, ST, RT and music therapy to students with profound cerebral palsy. We try to keep our families from 26 school districts and five states up to date on developments that affect their children and help them navigate the system to get maximum care for their child. We also try to help out families change the system when needed.

INSTITUTE ON DISABILITIES OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

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The Institute on Disabilities works in partnership with government at the federal, state, and local levels, business and industry, schools and universities, community organizations, and people with disabilities and families. Leadership development training includes projects that teach people with disabilities, family members, and students to assume leadership roles in the field of developmental disabilities. Projects include Competence and Confidence: Partners in Policymaking (C2P2), C2P2 for early intervention families and Families First trainings that occur throughout various locations in Philadelphia.

JUVENILE LAW CENTER

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The Juvenile Law Center is a non-profit law firm that advocates for the rights of children who are involved with government agencies:

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foster care and juvenile delinquency. They primarily help people with problems accessing health care by giving advice on how to use existing grievance procedures. They provide training for people who work with kids in substitute care and foster care placement on how to deal with managed care and with consent and confidentiality.

KELLY ANNE DOLAN MEMORIAL FUND

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The Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund provides advocacy, financial assistance, education and information to the families of terminally, chronically, and critically ill or physically challenged children. Referrals must be made to the Fund by a social worker or other medical professional on the fund's data sheet (one page) and must be accompanied by a letter describing the child's medical condition. They have a maximum assistance of \$250 per family per fiscal year.

KEN-CREST

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Robin Miller, Program Coordinator-Preschool Program

Melanie Brennan, Program Coordinator-Preschool Program

Ken-Crest is an early intervention agency that offers opportunities to children of all abilities

and their families, in Early Intervention, Head Start, and Child Care. They provide comprehensive services for eligible children and their families using a team to determine appropriate services, including education, therapy and support of early learning.

KEN CREST SOUTH HOME/COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAM

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Ken-Crest is a multi-service agency that offers opportunities to children of all abilities and their families, in Early Intervention, Head Start and Child Care for children with special needs, ages 0-6 years. Ken-Crest provides Early Intervention free services for kids deemed eligible due to a 25% delay in development. When a child is enrolled, a support team will determine appropriate services, including education, therapy and support for early learning.

KEN CREST TRANSITIONAL CARE HOME PROGRAM

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Ken Crest Transitional Care Home Program provides two foster homes, with round the clock nursing and home health care aides for technologically dependent babies, as a developing enriching alternative to institutional placement.

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KEYSTONE MERCY HEALTH PLAN

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Debra Anthony, RNC

EPSDT Clinical Liaison

KMHP offers members an extensive provider network of physicians, specialists, pharmacies and hospitals. In addition, members receive many benefits and services including vision care; dental care; prescription medications; vitamins for children under the age of 21; special needs case management; programs for expectant mothers; and Medical Assistance transportation, to name a few. Members have access to care 24 hours a day, seven days a week through our network of primary care physicians.

LASALLE NEIGHBORHOOD NURSING CENTER

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LaSalle Neighborhood Nursing Center provides public health and primary care services to families and individuals in the Northwest, upper North and lower Northeast sections of Philadelphia. Services include well and sick health care and (prenatal care) to individuals of all ages. Home visiting programs serve families who are pregnant having their first baby and families where children have a health risk or disability and their families need some support. In addition, community service teams connect families with health insurance or their welfare workers to best utilize these community resources to meet their families' needs.

LAUREN'S HOUSE

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Boothwyn, PA 19061

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President

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Lauren's House is licensed by the Department of Health as a Pediatric Extended Care center. Lauren's House provides skilled nursing care to medically/technology dependent children Monday through Friday 7am to 7pm. Lauren's House is an alternative to in-home nursing.

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

1401 JFK Blvd, Rm. 900 MSB

Philadelphia, PA 19102-1660

Roger A. Margulies, Assistant Deputy Mayor

Eve Miller, Outreach Specialist

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The Mayor's Commission on People with Disabilities (MCPD) represents the 355,000 citizens with disabilities who live in Philadelphia. The only direct service that MCPD provides is information and referral.

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We help callers to connect to local social service agencies, city services and other service providers. Typical inquiries concern accessible housing, transportation, daycare, home modification, and disability license plates.

Commission members and volunteers are actively involved in our committees: housing, employment, barrier free design, transportation, education, recreation, behavioral health, health and human services, arts and culture, and voter access. New participants are always welcome. Contact us to get involved.

We hold an annual awards event in October at which those enhancing accessibility are honored. We also award outstanding Philadelphia students with disabilities our Oliver H. M. Jordan scholarships.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Information and referral to appropriate agencies. Home visiting for pregnant and parenting families. Call for more information regarding Health Department services.

NEURODEVELOPMENTAL PEDIATRICS OF THE MAIN LINE

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NDPeds is a specialty pediatric practice that works in conjunction with primary care pediatricians. Children with developmental delays or atypical behaviors are evaluated by James Coplan, MD who is board certified in Developmental Pediatrics and Developmental Disabilities. He is assisted in his practice by Judy Watman, a licensed social worker who provides assessments and therapeutic intervention to parents and couples.

NORTH, INC./WIC PROGRAM

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Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a supplemental food and nutrition education program for women, infants and children up to age 5 years.

PARENTS EXCHANGE

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Information, referral and advocacy service for parents of children with chronic illnesses and disabilities. We help families understand the way systems work and how to advocate for their children.

PEDIATRICS SERVICES OF AMERICA, INC

261 Old York Road, Ste: 820
Jenkintown, PA 19046
Website: www.psakids.com

Marianne Carroll
Administrative Director
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Since 1984 PSA has provided home healthcare services exclusively for medically fragile infants and children. Our dedicated pediatric and neonatal professionals are trained to provide the highest quality care, 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

PHILADELPHIA CITIZENS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (PCCY)

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PCCY is the region's lead children's advocacy and policy organization that works on a spectrum of issues including health, childcare, public education, juvenile justice, and child welfare.

PENNSYLVANIA ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION

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The Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides low-interest loans to people with disabilities and older Pennsylvanians so that they can buy the assistive technology devices and services they need.

Assistive technology is any device that helps a person with a disability achieve a more independent and productive life. Assistive technology includes items like hand controls and lowered floors for cars and vans, ramps, grab bars and wider doorways for homes, hearing and vision aides, scooters and computers with special software and/or hardware.

PENNSYLVANIA COMMUNITY PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION

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The Pennsylvania Community Providers' Association (PCPA) monitors policy development related to Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol, Mental Retardation and Early Intervention services. PCPA provides policy and regulation information as well as consultation to member agencies that provide these services throughout the Commonwealth.

PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

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Pennsylvania Council of Children, Youth and Family Services (PCCYFS) is an alliance of private, non-profit child welfare agencies. Member agencies provide a comprehensive range of services to children, youth and their families, including in-home prevention services, foster and kinship care, group home and residential treatment services. PCCYFS supports the work of member agencies through advocacy training, and technical assistance.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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The Division of Child and Adult Health Services supports the provision of medical services to children with congenital and chronic conditions such as chronic respiratory

failure, cleft palate, congenital heart disease, Cooley's Anemia, cystic fibrosis, end stage renal disease, hemophilia, spina bifida, traumatic brain injury, and hearing, speech, and language impairment. Programs include payment for in-patient care and comprehensive medical outpatient services such as rehabilitative services, specialized therapies, medications, laboratory, radiology, nutrition/supplements, appliances, disposable supplies, patient and family education and social services. Services are provided by Division approved providers throughout the state at tertiary hospitals, specialty clinics, and within local communities. Condition-specific specialty clinics are also available through contracted providers. In addition, the Division provides support for programs and initiatives directed at systems development and coordination of education outreach and population based services such as the Special Kids Network.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health is the payer of last resorts for services. Clients are required to apply for medical assistance and CHIP before applying for the Division of Child and Adult Health Services contracted services.

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
OFFICE OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE,
SPECIAL NEEDS DIVISION**

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Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675
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Responsible for monitoring the mandatory managed care contractor's Special Needs Units and responsible for program development and planning for Medical Assistance recipients with special needs. This

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division is also responsible for identifying and coordinating with federal, state, local and private entities, pertinent to the delivery of services to special populations.

PENNSYLVANIA HEALTH LAW PROJECT

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Michael Campbell, Managing Attorney
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The Pennsylvania Health Law Project is a non-profit, public interest law firm that provides free legal services to lower-income individuals who are having trouble accessing healthcare coverage or services through publicly funded healthcare programs. PHLP offers advice and direct representation to individuals consumers, provides educational materials and training to advocates and consumer groups and conducts systemic advocacy on behalf of consumers at the state level.

PHILADELPHIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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Children Youth Division (CYD)

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The Department of Human Services (DHS) is the agency charged with the public mandate to provide child welfare and juvenile justice services, responsible for providing services directed toward ensuring the safety of children and youth; preserving families and ensuring the achievement of permanent, secure and nurturing homes for all children and youth; the prevention of juvenile delinquency; and strengthening the capacities of families and communities to assume responsibility for their children. The Health Management Unit (HMU) is responsible for addressing the health care needs and issues for children placed in substitute care through CYD. Children in substitute care are a medically vulnerable group. HMU is dedicated to ensuring the managed care system functions in a way that accommodates the special needs of children in care. The roles and responsibilities are many and varied. HMU is a resource for information on HealthChoices and the managed care system as it relates to and impacts children in care; advocates for the health care needs and concerns for children in care; and assists in navigating those barriers in a managed care environment that attempt to prevent children in care from accessing adequate and appropriate health care service.

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Juvenile Justice Service (JJS)

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All Children placed in substitute care by JJS
are considered to be special needs kids.

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Liaison with hospitals, pharmacies, physicians,
dentist and behavioral health agencies...RTF,
Drug and Alcohol, along with Foster Care,
and Community Based Detention Shelters to
resolve problems with Managed Care issues.
Perform Primary Care Practitioner (PCP)
assignments and enrollments with the various
Healthchoices. A review of all medical bills
and denials to ensure compliance with DPW
procedural guidelines and payments by the
appropriate parties.

PHILADELPHIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Ambulatory Health Services

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Philadelphia, PA 19146

Phone: 215-685-6790

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Provides comprehensive medical and dental
care for city residents through Philadelphia's
Health Care Centers. When necessary,
primary care physicians can refer patients for
specialty services. Health Services Social
Workers are available at each site to help
patients access education and counseling
programs as well as referrals and follow-up
treatment.

Division of Maternal, Child and Family Health (MCFH)

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The mission of MCFH is to provide high-
quality health and supportive social services
by setting and developing policy and
programs that improve the health of women,
youth, and parenting families. The office
contracts with more than 60 health clinics,
hospitals, and community-based organizations
that provide a full range of maternal and child
health programs.

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The CSHCN Program at MCFH addresses
issues that impact the lives of CSHCN and
their families at both a systems and an
individual level. The Program Coordinator
works with various service providers, both
public and private, that affect the lives of
CSHCN with the goal of facilitating

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communication and collaboration. The Community Systems Facilitator works in close collaboration with one of the Primary Care Centers at CHOP to offer extra support families of CSHCN.

PHILADELPHIA INCLUSION NETWORK

(See "Thomas Jefferson University Division of Child and Family Studies," below)

OFFICE OF BEHAVIOR HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES (MRS)

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Infant/Toddler Early Intervention provides developmental services to children from birth to age three who have special needs or who may have developmental delays. Services and supports are family focused, provided in the family's home or community, and is integrated into typical family routines and activities. The services are provided free of charge to all eligible children. Philadelphia MRS contracts with PHMC/ChildLink to coordinate the intakes, evaluations, and referrals and provide service coordination. For information or to make a referral, call ChildLink, at 215-731-2100.

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

The School District of Philadelphia
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Coordinate post-secondary transition services for students with disabilities.

Kathleen M. Maguire, RN, BSN, MS
School Health Coordinator
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The School District of Philadelphia
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The School District of Philadelphia provides a free, appropriate, public education for all children. In my position, I support the Certified School Nurses in providing care to children, communicating with families, and collaborating with health care providers and agencies. The School District has trained personnel to implement the comprehensive process to promote a smooth transition of children with Special Health Care Needs to the school system.

SCAN (SUPPORTIVE CHILD ADULT NETWORK)

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Corina Sturdifin, RN, CRNP

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SCAN provides the following services:

Multidisciplinary SCOH and Family Preservation through DHS; Health Intervention Programs and Healthy Start Services, HIP-South and West Philadelphia, Healthy Start is West Philadelphia; Immunization outreach; SCANPADD- Home visiting /case management to mentally challenged parents

SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN PHILADELPHIA

3551 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19140-4131

Juliet Rogers, Social Services
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Shriners Hospitals for Children, Philadelphia offers a complete range of medical and rehabilitative services to children (0-18 years) who have orthopedic disorders and spinal cord injuries. They serve children with conditions such as cerebral palsy, spinal cord injuries, upper- and lower-extremity orthotic and prosthetic training, leg lengthening, arthritis, spinal bifida and scoliosis. There are 22 Shriners Hospitals in the United States that specialize in the treatment of orthopedic, burn, and spinal cord injury care. All Shriners Hospitals provide services at no cost to parent or child.

SNI HOME CARE INC.

880 Town Center Drive
Langhorne, PA 19047

Phone: 215-836-1570
Fax: 215-752-5381

Sharon Cross, General Manager

SNI provides a full range of Pediatric and Maternal Child Home Care Services including intermittent skilled visits (nursing, rehab

therapies) and continuous care (private duty) nursing.

SPECIAL KIDS NETWORK Information and Referral

1-800-986-4550

Community Systems Development Program

Southeastern Regional Office
1901 Olde Homestead Lane
Lancaster, PA 17605-048
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Judy Durand, Telephone Counselor
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Kathy Zumbrun
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The Special Kids Network (SKN) Community Systems Development Program (CSD) is responsible for assessing community needs and building community support to meet the needs of children with disabilities that are family focused and community based. CSD staff work within communities to create or improve services, offer technical assistance, facilitate activities for community development and assist with coalition building and program development. The CSD staff, which are in regional offices, work closely with the Special Kids Network Information & Referral Program, which is located in a single centralized office in Harrisburg, as of August 1 2004. The SKN CSD Southeastern Regional

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office serves eight counties: Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Montgomery, Philadelphia and Schuylkill.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN

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St. Christopher's Hospital for Children provides a full range of inpatient and outpatient specialty care. The family consultant at St. Christopher's, Randy Wilson, acts as a liaison for parents, medical teams, and outside community agencies. He also provides support, resources and referrals, such as promoting the Special Kids Network and Parent to Parent. A support group is being planned for the second and fourth Wednesdays each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Also provide neurodevelopmental assessments.

The Family Consultant increases family-to-family support and Family-Centered Care efforts in the hospital through programmatic initiatives as well as individually working with CSHCN families. The Family Consultant provides direct services including counseling and support to families throughout hospitalization. Provides advocacy in the development of practices, programs, and policies that support the integration of Family-Centered Care principles throughout the hospital.

THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

St. Christopher's Hospital for Children
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To work together with families of children with special health care needs to provide ongoing comprehensive family centered medical care and to improve access to services, community resources and advocacy to assure these children obtain optimal support through life stages and promote their independence.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN- SPECIALTY CARE CENTER AT BROAD STREET

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St. Chris Care provides primary pediatric care and at home medical care for children and adolescents with special needs and their siblings. St. Chris Care also provides medical care for special needs children and adolescents who are a part the child welfare system.

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SUPPORT CENTER FOR CHILD ADVOCATES

1900 Cherry Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Website: www.advokid.org

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The Support Center for Child Advocates provides legal assistance and social service advocacy to abused and neglected children in Philadelphia County. In their Volunteer Attorneys for Medically Needy Children Program, they help children with special needs who are in the Dependent Court System. They work with multiple systems to insure to provision of appropriate services so children can remain at home or in the most home-like setting.

TABOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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Philadelphia, PA 19144

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Tabor Services provides temporary foster families for children found by the courts to be at imminent risk of harm and placed in the child welfare system. It provides medical foster care for children with special needs, and mental health foster care in specially trained foster homes for children with mental health diagnoses. It also provides services to children in their own homes (SCOH), supported living services, supervised independent living for dependent adolescents, and an outpatient mental health clinic. Tabor Children's House child development center operates a year - round program on its Doylestown campus for children ages six weeks through school age.

TEMPLE PEDIATRIC CENTER

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Philadelphia, PA 19152

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Temple Pediatric Center case managers coordinate various services that patients need (i.e. home care, therapies, specialty appointments). There are many social issues that are also needed. Case managers work closely with social services and DHS.

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER

3509 N. Broad Street, #250
Philadelphia, PA 19140

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Temple University Children's Medical Center is a pediatric hospital that provides a wide range of in-patient and outpatient care including primary care and most specialties. The focus is on improving the health status of the children in our community.

THE SOCIAL WORK AGENCY

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Counseling and casework to disabled and homebound elderly.

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CFSRP is a part of the Occupational Therapy Department, at Thomas Jefferson University. The goals are to (1) conduct research studies, develop data-based training programs, demonstrate evidence-based practice models in order to establish best practices for young children with disabilities & their families; and (2) institutionalize the outcomes of our research, training, and demonstration activities within typical systems of care. The Mission at Child and Family Studies is to improve the quality of services for families and their children with special needs.

UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY

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United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Philadelphia (UCPA) serves people of all ages who have a physical, sensorial, and/or learning disability such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, spinal cord injury, visual or hearing impairment, mental retardation, or traumatic brain injury.

Children's services include Early Intervention

for children, birth through five years old, social services, advocacy, and recreation for older teenagers and respite care for children registered with the Philadelphia Mental Retardation Children's Program.

VENTILATOR ASSISTED CHILDREN'S HOME PROGRAM

100 North 20th Street

Suite 201

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Website: www.kidshome-vent.org

Dr. John Downes, Director

Deborah S. Boroughs, RN, MSN

Administrator

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VACHP is a statewide Pennsylvania Department of Health program that coordinates the care of children ages 6 months-21years at home on ventilators.

VISION FOR EQUALITY- HEALTH CARE ADVOCACY

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Philadelphia, PA 19106

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Vision for Equality provides information on advocating for and accessing quality health care and teaches people with special health needs and their families how to navigate and use the health care systems. They also support a Peer Counselor Network that provides information, referral, and support to

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families including those living with HIV/AIDS. Most services are provided for adults, but they do offer assistance and referral to children and their families as well.

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA (VNA)

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Through the Health Intervention Program (HIP) for Families, and of the MCFH, VNA provides home visiting that offers targeted support to families with infants and children at risk for health problems. VNA also provides the following: continuous care for kids at home including shift nursing for medically fragile, technically dependent children; intermittent skilled visits for pregnant women including prenatal, postpartum, and pediatrics; and hospice care for children.

The social worker's role is to assess families' need for specific social service intervention and to make referrals based on those needs.

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MEMORANDUM

To: ALL SNWG MEMBERS

From: Nick Claxton

Re: SNWG PARTICIPANT DIRECTORY FORM

Date: August 17, 2004

We would like to maintain an up-to-date SNWG participant directory. The directory serves as a resource to facilitate communication among group members by providing contact information for member agencies, along with a brief description of services offered to assist CSHCN. If you wish to be included in this directory or would like to make changes to your current entry, please complete and return the attached form. If you have access to the last published directory (January 2000) and your agency information has not changed, please confirm that for us.

We are considering posting the directory on the Maternal, Child and Family Health website. Please indicate on the attached form that you have no objections to the information being posted on a public website.

Please send your completed form to me either:

- ❖ by post to: Nick Claxton, Philadelphia Department of Public Health, MCFH
1101 Market Street – 9th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107
- ❖ fax to 215 685 5257
- ❖ simply bring it along with you to the next SNWG meeting on September 23, 2004
- ❖ e-mail at nick.claxton@phila.gov
(first save the form on your computer, then fill in your information, save it again, and then send the completed form via email back to me)

Please call me at 215 685 5232 with any questions. Thank you.

SNWG PARTICIPANT DIRECTORY ENTRY FORM

___ I wish to be included in the SNWG participant directory

___ I do not object to the information being posted on the MCFH public website

Please print clearly

Name(s)

Title (s)

Agency

Address

Phone

Fax

Email(s)

Website

Description of Services:

In five sentences or less, please describe the services that your agency provides for CSHCN and/or their families. We are hoping that if someone needs more details, they will be able to contact you and/or go to your agency's website.

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Attention: Nick Claxton
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