Executive Summary

The Special Needs Work Group (SNWG) is convened by the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Division of Maternal, Child and Family Health (MCFH). 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 (CSHCN). 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. The current information is from late 2009. 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 If you are aware of any errors, or information that is out of date, please contact MCFH at (215) 685-5232. We will make changes at the next revision, which we will aim to do annually.
Participant Listings

Albert Einstein Medical Center
Ambulatory Health Services (see Philadelphia Department of Public Health)
American Academy of Pediatrics, PA Chapter, EPIC IC Medical Home Program
AmeriChoice of Pennsylvania
Bayada Nurses
Best Nest, Inc.
Bucks County Health Department
Cambridge Point Pleasant (see Point Pleasant Pediatric Special Care)
Chester County Health Department
Child Care Information Services of Philadelphia (CCIS)
Child Health Consultants
ChildLink (see Public Health Management Corporation)
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Community Behavioral Health (CBH)
Community Legal Services, Inc.
Disabilities Rights Network
Drexel University College of Nursing and Health Professions
Education Law Center of Pennsylvania
Elwyn, Inc.
Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania
HealthPartners
Health Promotion Council
HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy
Institute on Disabilities at Temple University
Intergenerational Center Temple University
Juvenile Law Center
Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund
KenCrest
Keystone Mercy Health Plan
LaSalle Neighborhood Nursing Center
Lauren's House
Legal Clinic for the Disabled
Mayor's Commission on People with Disabilities
Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania
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 Public Welfare, Office of Medical Assistance
Pennsylvania Enrollment Services Program HealthChoices—ACCESS Plus
Pennsylvania Health Law Project
PersonLink (see Public Health Management Corporation)
Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Mental Retardation Services DBH/MRS
Philadelphia Department of Human Services
Philadelphia Department of Public Health
Public Health Management Corporation (see also Resources for Children’s Health/HIP, Best Nest, Health Promotion Council)
Philadelphia School District
Public Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY)
Resources for Children’s Health
Supportive Child Adult Network (SCAN)
Shriners Hospital for Children Philadelphia
SNI Home Care Inc.
St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children
Support Center for Child Advocates
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Temple Pediatric Center
The Social Work Agency
Therapy Solutions Children’s Services
United Cerebral Palsy of Philadelphia and Vicinity
Ventilator Assisted Children’s Home Program (VACHP)
Vision for Equality Health Care Advocacy
Widener Memorial School
Participant Directory
Albert Einstein Medical Center and its facilities at Moss Hospital provide a wide range of pediatric and adult services. The Pediatric and Adolescent Ambulatory Center is a medical home for children with special health care needs. Developmental Pediatrics offers the Multidisciplinary Autism Program. The Center for Adults with Developmental Disabilities provides services for 21-year-olds who are transitioning into adult care (215-456-9142).

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 specialists 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 800-321-4462 and is staffed 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.
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Best Nest, Inc., provides a continuum of services to children and families who have special medical needs. These services include both general and medical foster and kinship care, in-home protective services for children with special health care needs, adoption services and parenting education and support services developed for parents who have children with medical/special needs.

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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).

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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 are also available.

CHILD CARE INFORMATION SERVICES OF PHILADELPHIA (CCIS)
www.philadelphiachildcare.org

NORTH PHILADELPHIA
The Wallace Building
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Philadelphia, PA 19130
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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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Child Health Consultants’ nurses provide nursing consultation to DHS social workers and provider agencies. They make home visits, attend hospital meetings, interpret medical information and participate in multidisciplinary case conferences.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA
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Starting Young Program
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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.

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The CHOP Pediatric and Adolescent Care Centers provide convenient access to health services for the children of Philadelphia. Our primary care teams consist of pediatricians, nurse practitioners, social workers, educators and other support staff. Our emphasis is on preventing disease, treating illness and providing information and education, as well as social support to patients and their families.

Early to Learn Partners for School Readiness
Primary Care Center @Market Street
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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.

The Center for Autism Research (CAR)
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The Center for Autism research is a collaborative effort between The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania. CAR's goals are to identify the causes of autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and develop effective treatments. CAR conducts research studies for infants at risk for being diagnosed with ASD (due to having a sibling already diagnosed) as well as toddlers, school-aged children, and adults. Families receive comprehensive assessment reports and are paid for their time and travel costs.

COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (CBH)
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Community Behavioral Health (CBH) is a part of the Philadelphia Behavioral Health System that manages mental health services to everyone enrolled in Medical Assistance and residing in Philadelphia. CBH assists members in accessing mental health and substance abuse treatment services, by working with the member to obtain an appointment, arrange transportation, or assist a member in need of emergency behavioral health treatment.

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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 children. ABC works on securing Medical Assistance, childcare, vocational rehabilitation, education, and early intervention for children with disabilities 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.

DISABILITIES RIGHTS NETWORK
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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.
unique programs advocating healthier lifestyles, together with its innovative work with underrepresented minority groups, have advanced the field of health promotion in Southeastern Pennsylvania and across the state. Established in 1981, HPC became an affiliate of PHMC in 1999. HPC has a diverse multicultural, multi-lingual staff and fulfills its mission through programs in four areas.

**HMS SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY**

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We are an approved private school with day and residential programming for students ages 5 – 21 years. HMS provides special education, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech/language therapy, social work, nursing, recreation therapy, and art and music therapy to students with significant physical and cognitive disabilities, as well as complex medical needs. Students come from local school districts in the tri-state area as well as nationally. HMS specializes in utilizing assistive technology (e.g. communication devices, power mobility, etc.) to help each student be as independent as possible.

**INSTITUTE ON DISABILITIES OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY**

www.disabilities.temple.edu

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.

**Pennsylvania’s Initiative on Assistive Technology (PIAT)**

1755 N. 13th Street, Howard Gittis Student Center, Suite 4115
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Pennsylvania’s Initiative on Assistive Technology (PIAT) offers information and referral about Assistive Technology (AT), device demonstrations, and awareness-level presentations. PIAT’s programs include: Pennsylvania’s AT Lending Library, a free, state-supported program that loans AT devices to Pennsylvanians of all ages; the Telecommunication Device Distribution Program (TDDP), which provides free specialized equipment to people with disabilities that prevent them from using regular telephone equipment; and the Reused and Exchanged Equipment Partnership (REEP), a network of programs offering ways for people to obtain, donate, or sell AT equipment.

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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 low or no cost to participants.

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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: 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.

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KenCrest’s mission is to provide quality services to people with developmental disabilities in a manner that respects individual rights, enhances ability, and enables people to have control over their own lives.

KenCrest is an early intervention service provider that offers opportunities to children of all abilities and their families in Early Intervention, Preschool Head Start/Pre-K Counts, and in home and community settings.
We provide comprehensive services for eligible children and their families using a team to determine appropriate services, including education, therapy and support of early learning.

In addition, KenCrest’s Children’s Residential Services Program provides two homes licensed as Intensive Care Facilities in Philadelphia for young, technologically dependent children requiring 24-hour nursing care. There are also two group homes in Philadelphia that provide personal support and routine nursing care for young adults with severe developmental disabilities.

**KEYSTONE MERCY HEALTH PLAN**
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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**
1900 West Olney Avenue
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Philadelphia, PA 19141

LaSalle Neighborhood Nursing Center provides public health nursing services to families in Philadelphia and surrounding counties. Health promotion and disease prevention services include home visits to families who have children with special health care needs, community based abstinence education for youth, and child care health consultation. The Health Intervention Program for Families serves children with special needs and their families to assist the children to live an everyday life, as far as possible, the same as families of typically developing children.

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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.

**LEGAL CLINIC FOR THE DISABLED**
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The Children’s Health/Law Initiative at the Legal Clinic for the Disabled provides free legal services to low-income families of children with special health care needs. Services provided through the initiative include: direct representation of individual clients; information, advice and referrals; and outreach and community education for parents and families as well as organizations serving children with special health care needs.

**MAYOR’S COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**
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The Mayor’s Commission on People with Disabilities (MCPD) represents the 355,000 Philadelphia residents with disabilities. Philadelphia. The only direct service that MCPD provides is information and referral. We help callers 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.

**MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA**
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Philadelphia, PA 19107
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Delaware County: 610-713-9401
Montgomery Co.: 610-279-8511
Philadelphia Co.: 267-507-3860

Parents Involved Network (PIN) is a peer-to-peer program that assists parents and caregivers of children and adolescents with behavioral health challenges. PIN provides information, support, referrals and advocacy; assists parents/caregivers to acquire services from all state, local, or private child-serving systems.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
Norristown, PA 19404-0311
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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**
919 Conestoga Road, Building 1, Suite 100
Rosemont, PA 19010
www.NDPeds.com
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  
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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.

**PENNSYLVANIA ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION**  
1004 West 9th Avenue, 1st Floor,  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
www.patf.us

Susan Tachau, Executive Director  
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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 ramps and lowered floors for cars and vans, roll-in showers, lowered kitchen counters, hearing and vision aides, scooters and computers with special software and/or hardware.

**PENNSYLVANIA COMMUNITY PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION**  
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Harrisburg, PA 17110  
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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 PUBLIC WELFARE
Office of Medical Assistance Programs, Special Needs Division
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, 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 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES (DBH/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 are integrated into typical family routines and activities. The services are provided free of charge to all eligible children. Philadelphia DBH/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 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

One Parkway, 1515 Arch Street, 7th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
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The Department of Human Services (DHS) is 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 healthcare needs of 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 supports the special needs of children in care.

**Children Youth Division (CYD)**
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**Juvenile Justice Service (JJS)**
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All children placed in substitute care by JJS are considered to be children with special needs. This unit assists with various activities, including liaison with hospitals, pharmacies, physicians, dentist and behavioral health agencies. They assist with resolving managed care problems and with Primary Care Practitioner (PCP) assignments and enrollments.

**PHILADELPHIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Ambulatory Health Services**
500 S. Broad Street, 2nd Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19146
215-685-6790
215-545-4654 (fax)

AHS provides comprehensive medical and dental care for city residents through Philadelphia’s health care centers. 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.

**Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)**
2100 W. Girard Avenue, Bldg. 3
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CLPPP is a program that specializes in indoor, home environmental health issues: deteriorating lead paint, mold and mildew, integrated pest management, radon, injury control and fire safety, among others. It offers a wide range of programs: primary prevention of lead poisoning (Lead Safe Babies and Lead Safe Communities); healthy homes programs for home-based child care and foster parents; injury control assessments; bike helmets and baby car seats and educational programs on all these areas.

**Division of Maternal, Child and Family Health (MCFH)**
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Philadelphia, PA 19107

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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 division contracts with more than 50 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 communication and collaboration. The Community Systems Facilitator works in close collaboration with various community agencies, as well as with The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and St Christopher’s Hospital for Children.

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CAPTA is a collaborative program with DHS addressing the special needs of mothers and infants who were affected by illegal substances during pregnancy.

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The School District of Philadelphia provides a free, appropriate, public education for all children. The school health coordinator supports 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.

POINT PLEASANT PEDIATRIC SPECIAL CARE
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Point Pleasant Pediatric Special Care provides residential services for children and young adults with respiratory impairments and requiring mechanical interventions, e.g. oxygen, ventilators, tracheotomies, g-tubes, IV, and respiratory therapy. Admission for respite, long- and short-term care is available.

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Lancaster
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PUBLIC CITIZENS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (PCCY)
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PCCY is the region’s leading children’s advocacy and policy organization that works on a spectrum of issues including health, childcare, public education, juvenile justice, and child welfare.
PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PHMC)
260 S. Broad Street, 18th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
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ChildLink
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ChildLink serves as an entry point for the Philadelphia early intervention system for children from birth to age three. 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 is eligible for early intervention supports and to arrange for services, if appropriate.

PersonLink
Eileen Keenan, Program Director
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PersonLink provides support coordination to consumers and their families who qualify for services through Philadelphia Mental Retardation Services (MRS). PersonLink will help support individuals and their families to obtain resources and services in neighborhoods throughout Philadelphia.

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN’S HEALTH
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Resources for Children’s Health’s HIP program serves families with a child with special health care needs from ages birth to 21 years. Services are provided by a multidisciplinary team and include home-based case management, health and parenting education, and assistance in obtaining medical, social and educational services.

SCAN (SUPPORTIVE CHILD ADULT NETWORK)
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SCAN provides in-home community support services for children with special needs, life skills education, parenting education, crisis counseling, kinship support, support to parents who are cognitively delayed, and substance abuse and mental health assessments. Community education sessions are available upon request.

SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN--PHILADELPHIA
3551 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19140-4131
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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, spina 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

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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.

**ST. CHRISTOPHER’S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN**
Erie Avenue at Front Street
Philadelphia, PA 19134-1095

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Ambulatory/primary pediatrics at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children is a medical home primary care office serving the healthcare needs of children. It is involved in the residency program and faculty practice.

**The Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs**
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The Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs works 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.

**SUPPORT CENTER FOR CHILD ADVOCATES**
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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 that are in the Dependent Court
System. They work with multiple systems to insure the provision of appropriate services so children can remain at home or in the most home-like setting.

**TABOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES**

55 East Armat Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19144  
[www.tabor.org](http://www.tabor.org)

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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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Temple Pediatric Center case managers coordinate various medical services that patients need. Many social services are also needed. Case managers work closely with social service agencies and DHS.

**THERAPY SOLUTIONS CHILDREN’S SERVICES**

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Philadelphia, PA 19142  
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Therapy Solutions Children’s Services, Inc., is a nonprofit organization located in Southwest Philadelphia. Our mission is to “provide quality therapeutic and educational services to create change and improve academic and life successes while empowering individuals to learn and accomplish independence.” We provide comprehensive developmental and rehabilitative services including: speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and special instruction services. We hold a reverse inclusion summer camp that provides children with special needs the opportunity to receive services and grow with one another. We give back to the community in a number of ways, including our holiday fundraiser and long-sleeve shirt program.

**THE SOCIAL WORK AGENCY**

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Counseling and casework to disabled and homebound elderly.

**UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY (UCP) 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, 0-3, in Philadelphia and Montgomery County, a parent support group, sibling support group and childcare. UCP also partners with the Philadelphia School District to provide Pre-K Counts and Head Start.

UCP also provides 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**
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VACHP is a statewide Pennsylvania Department of Health program that coordinates the care of children ages 6 months-22 years at home on ventilators.

**VISION FOR EQUALITY-HEALTH CARE ADVOCACY**
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