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Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

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There are **over 225,000 children in Colorado** with special health care needs. One or more of them counts on you for the care they need. Whether you are caring for one child, or working to improve care for an entire community, **HCP can help**.

Together We'll Find the Way.

Connecting Kids with Care

The Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs (HCP) is a unique resource for families, health care providers and communities. Our goal is to help improve the health, development and well-being of Colorado's children with special health needs and their families.

Families turn to HCP for information, referral and support. Care providers find the same help, as well as data, professional networking and care coordination assistance. HCP also works with communities and policy makers to strengthen our state's capacity to meet the needs of children and their families.

HCP serves children from birth through age 21 that have, or are at risk for, serious physical, behavioral or emotional conditions. HCP has regional offices and partners throughout Colorado. Each works with families, providers and communities to connect kids with the care they need, and to help coordinate that care over time.

Anyone who believes that Colorado's diverse children with special health care needs should have the opportunity to live the healthiest life possible will find expert help at HCP.



Get to Know HCP

At the Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs (HCP), professionals and families work as a team. HCP provides information, reterral to services and support. Families make choices and take action, Together, we help children with special health needs get what they need and grow to be their healthiest, as well as reach the full potential of their independence.

HCP helps you find:

- Screenings and clinics
- Medical care, health and community services
- Financial assistance
- Family support groups
- Answers to your questions...and more

Help for You and Your Family

Maybe you just learned that your child has special health care needs. Or maybe you have been trying to help your child for a long time. Maybe your child is a newborn or maybe your child is a teenager. Either way, HCP will stand by you. The first step is to call the HCP affice closest to you. The people there will:

- Listen to you
- · Evaluate your family's needs
- Talk to you about medical care, services, insurance and more
- · Connect you with what you need
- Support you as you care for your child
- Infroduce you to other parents and professionals that care like you do

HCP is Easy to Reach

Look for a regional office close to you on the insert in the back of this brochure or visit us on the Web at www.hcpcolorado.org
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Get to Know HCP

The Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs (HCP) seeks to ensure statewide access to integrated, family-centered, culturally competent, and

community-based programs and services. HCP takes the lead by working in partnership with families, communities and service providers. HCP's programs and activities include*:

- · Screenings, evaluations and clinics
- Service referrals for families and providers
- Care coordination
- Medical home/primary care network development
- Medical insurance benefits evaluation and coordination
- Training and consultation with community providers
- Statewide demographic and outcomes data
- Family-to-family support

*Not all programs and activities are available in every region of Colorado.

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Help for Service Providers

Maybe you are interested in learning more about caring for children with special health needs. Or, you are highly experienced, and would like to share your knowledge with others. You may be looking for help with day-to-day care coordination, or for training and capacity-building support. HCP's expertise is within reach. Call HCP. We will:

- Listen to you
- Talk with you about solutions and directions
- Connect you and the families you care for with what's needed
- Provide information, data and support
- Introduce you to other professionals that share your interests

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I not for a regional office close to you on the insert in the back of this brochure or visit us on the Web at <u>www.hcpcolorado.org</u> If you are working to help Colorado's children with special health needs, call us. Together We'll Find the Way.



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The Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs (HCP) seeks to ensure statewide access to integrated, familycentered, culturally competent.

and community-based programs and services. HCP has regional offices throughout Colorado and works closely with community residents, providers, agencies and leaders. HCP's programs and activities include*:

- Training, consultation and capacity-building with community partners
- · Community-based screenings, evaluations, clinics
- Service referrals and care coordination for local families and providers
- · Local medical home/primary care network development
- · Local family-to-family support
- Data and information to support policy and resource development

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Help for Communities

Maybe you are interested in building your community's capacity to help children with special health needs. Or, you want to network with other community leaders and health professionals. You may be looking for help with a specific issue or challenge, or to develop new policy and new resources, HCP's expertise is within reach, Call HCP. We will:

- Listen to you
- Talk with you about solutions and directions
- Provide you with information, data and support
- · Connect you with clinical, social and other resources
- Introduce you to other people who share your interests

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What are Special Health Care Needs?

Every child is special. All children deserve attention to their health care needs. Some children have needs that are greater than most. These are the children that HCP helps, from birth through age 21.

Special health care needs can be:

- · Physical, emotional or behavioral
- . Conditions that last a lifetime, or end with treatment
- Easy to see, or not seen at all

HCP helps the families of children with, or at risk for, such conditions as asthma, autism, cancer, cerebal palsy, cleft palate, cystic fibrosis, developmental disabilities, diabetes, kidney disease, loss of hearing or sight, sickle cell anemia, TBI, and more.

Even if you just think you may have a child with special health needs, please call HCP to learn more.









What Special Help is Available?

The HCP program provides help to children with special health needs, their families and the service providers that work with them. Professionals and families work together as a team to improve the outcome for children. HCP provides help in a crisis and help for the long term. HCP respects family and cultural diversity. Our goal is to help improve the health, development and well-being of Colorado's children with special health needs and their families.

This means:

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Helping Providers				
Helping Communities				
Regional Offices				



Reach Out. Speak Up. Join In.

When it comes to children and youth with special health needs, anyone can help or be helped. Turn to HCP for information, referral, support and connection. HCP staff can help you find the resources that you need. They can tell you where your voice can be heard and they can help you join in the work of helping kids grow healthier.



Together We'll Find the Way.

All children with special health care needs will receive coordinated ongoing comprehensive care within a medical home.

All families of children with special health care needs will have adequate private and/or public insurance to pay for the services they need.

All children will be screened early and continuously for special health care needs.

Services for children with special health care needs and their families will be organized in ways that families can use them easily.

Families of children with special health care needs will partner in decision-making at all levels, and will be satisfied with the services they receive.

All youth with special health care needs will receive the services necessary to make appropriate transitions to adult health care, work and independence.

HOW FAR WILL YOU GO TO HELP A CHILD WITH SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS?

HOW NEAR IS YOUR PHONE?



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