



Children with Special Healthcare Needs

Children with Special Healthcare Needs are any children from birth to 21 years of age who are suspected of having a physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional disability and also require health and related services beyond that generally required by children.

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Programs for Children with Special Healthcare Needs



Cayuga County Health Department

Services Provided

The Children with Special Healthcare Needs Program includes Early Intervention Services, Preschool Special Education, and the Child Find program, as well as resources and referrals for children between birth and 21 years of age.

The Program also includes coordination of care, home visit support, and assistance over the phone as needed.

There is no cost to families that take advantage of these services, as funding is provided by Cayuga County and the New York State Department of Health.



Early Intervention

The Early Intervention Program serves Cayuga County children aged birth to 3 years that have disabilities or developmental delays. This statewide program provides therapies and intervention services to these children such as service coordination, speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy. Children may receive services via diagnosis and referral or referral and a multidisciplinary evaluation.

Preschool Special Education

Preschool Special Education Services serve Cayuga County children between the ages of 3-5 years with developmental delays that affect their abilities to succeed academically.

These services are a result of a partnership between the Cayuga County Health Department and local public school districts. Referrals are sent in by the school district's Preschool Special Education Chair, after which an evaluation is conducted to determine eligibility and develop an Individualized Education Plan as necessary.

The Health Department is responsible for paying for services, arranging transportation to and from services, and maintaining contracts with service providers.



Child Find

Child Find is a program that monitors developmental progress of children through periodic questionnaires, checkups, screenings, and home visits with the hope of increasing early diagnosis and intervention.

Resource and Referral

In addition to these programs and services, the Children with Special Healthcare Needs Program is also available to provide resources and referrals to any children with developmental disabilities aged birth-21 years and their families, as well as care coordination, home visits, and telephone assistance.