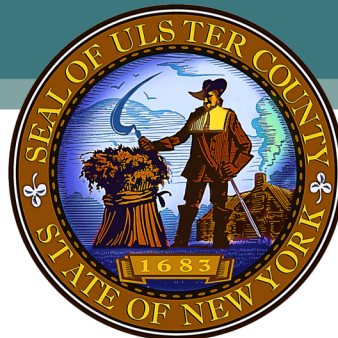


Helpful Resources



Ulster County Department of Health

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Program



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<https://ulstercountyny.gov/health/health>

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Mission Statement:

To improve the health, safety, and longevity of every person in Ulster County by leading a community-wide effort to prevent disease, protect food and water supplies, minimize environmental hazards, and promote overall wellness.

New York State Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program

Information is given on support services, Regional Support Centers, resources, and publications.

https://www.health.ny.gov/community/special_needs

New York State of Health, The Official Health Plan Marketplace

Find available health insurance options for you and your family. You may also qualify for free or low-cost coverage from Medicaid, Child Health Plus, or the Essential Plan.

<https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov> (855) 355-5777

New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)

Coordinates services for people with developmental disabilities, intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism spectrum disorders, Prader-Willi syndrome and other neurological impairments.

<https://opwdd.ny.gov> (866) 946-9733

Parent to Parent (2P2)

Provides support such as one-to-one peer support, information and training, parent peer mentoring program, resources and referrals.

<https://www.ptopnys.org>

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Provides monthly cash payments for children who have a physical or mental disability or who are blind to assist with meeting basic needs.

<https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/apply-child.html>

(800) 772-1213 TTY (800) 325-0778

Ulster County Early Intervention and Preschool Special Education Programs

Provides evaluations and services for infants and toddlers (birth to age 3) with developmental delays or disabilities.

<https://ulstercountyny.gov/social-services/early-intervention-and-preschool-special-education-programs> (845) 334-5251

Ulster County Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program

WIC offers many benefits including nutritious food vouchers, nutrition counseling, health screenings, breastfeeding support, and more to qualifying pregnant and nursing women, infants, and children under 5. (845) 340-3965

Program Overview

Nearly one in five children in the United States has a special health care need.*

The Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Program is a comprehensive resource and referral program aimed at positively impacting the lives of children and youth with special health care needs and their families.

The CYSHCN Program assists families with children from birth to twenty-one (21) years of age who have chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions and require more health-related services.

*Data Source: 2019-2020 National Survey of Children's Health, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau



Program Eligibility

To be eligible, your child (birth through 21 years old) must have a qualifying medical condition and reside in Ulster County.

Conditions include but are not limited to ADD or ADHD, allergies, anxiety, arthritis/joint problems, asthma, autism or autism spectrum disorder, behavioral/conduct problem, blood disorders, Cerebral Palsy, Cystic Fibrosis, depression, developmental delay, diabetes, Down Syndrome, epilepsy/seizure disorder, genetic or inherited condition, head injury, hearing problem, heart problem, intellectual disability, learning difficulty, migraines, other mental health condition, muscular dystrophy, sickle cell anemia, speech or language disorder, substance use disorder, Tourette Syndrome, and vision problem.

To learn more about program eligibility, please contact us at (845) 340-3070.

How can I get a referral?

Anyone can make a referral, including families and providers, by calling the Ulster County Department of Health, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program at 845-340-3070.

Program Services

CYSHCN Case Managers can:

- Conduct an individualized needs assessment.
- Connect families to support networks that understand the challenges of caring for children and youth with special health care needs.
- Provide technical assistance to improve information and referral services.
- Link families to community-based agencies or service providers that can help address unmet needs.
- Provide youth ages 14-21 and their families with information about the transition into adult health care.

