

Children with Special Health Care Needs: What FCC Providers Need to Know



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Learning Objectives

Define	Explore	Discuss
Define the term, "special health care needs"	Explore how to use individual healthcare plans to support the health and safety needs of children with special health care needs (CSHCN)	Discuss actions that FCC providers can take to support CSHCN

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Special Health Care Needs



Special healthcare needs include:

- Physical
- Intellectual
- Developmental disabilities
- Long-standing medical conditions



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Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN)

“...those who have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally...”



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What are some of the health conditions you see in your FCC?



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Examples

Asthma

Diabetes

Lissencephaly

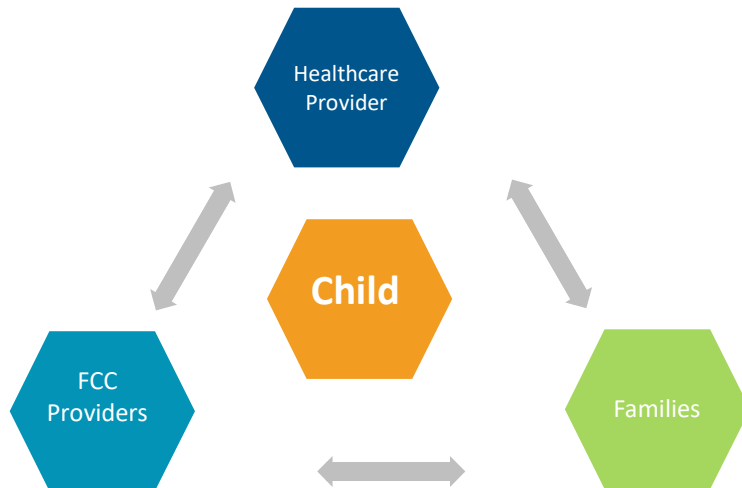


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What do I do?



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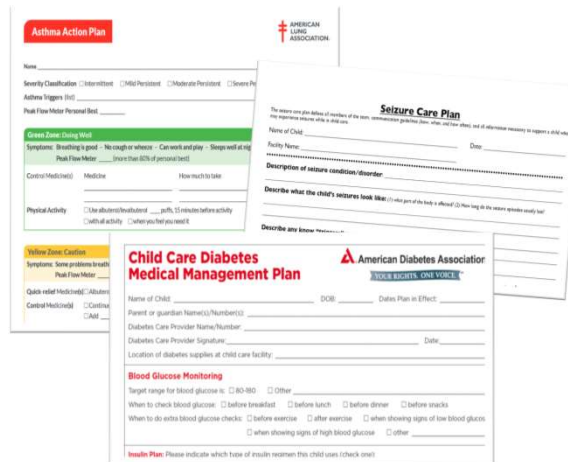
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Health Care Providers/Medical Specialists



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Sample Individualized Health Care Plans



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Individualized Health Care Plans

What can FCC providers expect to see on an Individualized Health Care Plan?

- Measures to relieve symptoms
- Treatments or special procedures
- Special diet
- Medications or interventions for emergency treatment

Important Note:

An Authorization to Administer Medication Form is required to administer medications in Connecticut licensed day care.



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Families

- Know their children
- Are familiar with procedures and medications for routine and urgent care
- Can share information about their individual health practices and how they comfort their children



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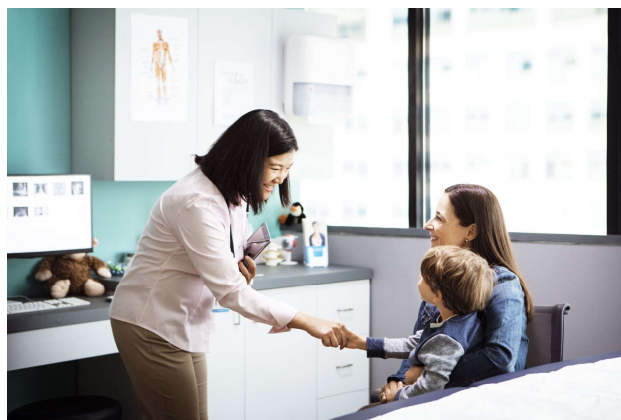
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- Key in supporting communication
 - Internally
 - Externally



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Follow up with Families



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NAFCC (<https://nafcc.org/>) Standard #4.76 Children with special need

- 4.76 If a child has been diagnosed as having a special need, the provider understands the diagnosis, requests a copy of the child's plan, and works with parents and specialists to follow the plan.
- 4.76a Program has a detailed, written plan for children with special health or medical needs, including modifications required and emergency procedures.



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NAFCC Standard #4.76a Children with special need

- Child's diagnoses
- Contact information for the primary care provider/specialists
- Medications
- Procedures to be performed
- Allergies
- Dietary/Activity/Environmental modifications
- Triggers to avoid
- Symptoms to observe
- Behavioral modifications
- Emergency response plans
- Suggested special skills training and education



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FCC Wellness moment: EMOTIONAL
Identifying, processing and communicating feelings and emotions in a healthy way



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Let's chat!



Type in the chat some of the healthy ways you have communicated feelings and emotions to families



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Resources/References

Asthma:

- [CT DPH Asthma Program Asthma Action Plans](#)
- [CT Authorization to Administer Medication Form](#)
- CT Asthma Action Plan (Ages 0-11 Years [English and Spanish](#))
- [Asthma Medication Authorization And Asthma Action Plan](#)

Diabetes: [ADA: Diabetes Medical Management Plan](#)

Lissencephaly: <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/diseases/6033-lissencephaly>

National Association for Family Child Care: <https://nafcc.org/>

Seizure:

[Epilepsy Foundation Seizure Action Plans](#)
[California Childcare Health Program \(CCHP\)](#)



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