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CSHCS SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER

2024 Camp and Conference Scholarships

We are pleased to announce that 2024 scholarships are now available for you and your family through the Family Center!

Camps are a great way for your child to be a child. They encourage them to socialize, build relationships, and gain a sense of belonging. These camps are for children and young adults (up to age 21) who are enrolled, or eligible to be enrolled, in CSHCS. However, if your child is not enrolled, or does not have an eligible diagnosis, you are still encouraged to apply, but a letter from a specialty provider will need to be included to verify diagnosis. This even includes children or young adults with developmental and/or behavioral health care conditions!!

If accepted, you will receive up to \$350 per child/per camp, and the camp your child would like to attend does **not** have to be a specialty camp! It can be any camp of your choice, but the camp must be licensed to operate in Michigan. Your family can apply for multiple camps, but each camper is only eligible for one camp scholarship every other year. These scholarships are also limited to 10 scholarships per camp, so please *do not* hesitate to apply and get your child registered!

Conferences are a great way for you and/or your child to learn more about the child's diagnosis! These scholarships are available for one parent and/or youth (age 14-26) to attend a conference related to the diagnosis. Conference scholarships are limited to one conference every two years per family. The conference does have to be held within the

United States, and there is also opportunity for travel expenses (travel, meals, and lodging) to be covered for your trip to and from the conference! Most importantly, your child does not have to be on CSHCS in order to apply for a conference scholarship. A child just must be at risk or have a physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional challenge.

To apply, please go to the [Family Center webpage](#) or scan the QR code to the right. Here you will find more information on the scholarships and the applications. If you have any further questions on camp or conference scholarships, please reach out to your local CSHCS representative at the local health department.



Plans of Care

A plan of care is a great resource for you and your child. This service is a part of your child's CSHCS coverage. Plans of care help our nurses and social workers get a better understanding of your child's current and future needs and/or challenges. A plan of care allows us to help you to the best of our ability and to have knowledge of where your child is at in their health care journey.

Unfortunately, due to Covid, we have not been able to connect with many families, but we are working hard to reach out to you. So, be on the lookout for a call from one of our nurses when your child's eligibility renews! We are excited to be getting back to plans of care and connecting with your families!

Library Activities

Our local libraries offer monthly activities for you and your child!! These events are a great way to get your child active and involved in the community.

Dickinson County:

One program the [Dickinson County Library](#) offers is their storytimes. The storytime program involves songs, reading of two stories, and other activities (like crafts or sensory boards). They occur every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Main Branch in Iron Mountain, but there are also storytimes in Norway! The dates for Norway are April 11th and 25th at 10:30 a.m. The Norway sessions tend to be smaller, so if your child would be more comfortable in a more intimate session, I would recommend heading on over to the Norway branch!

The Dickinson County Library also offers other programs for Early Literacy and Elementary children. This includes a Play-Doh group that occurs every first Wednesday of the month in Iron Mountain and every third Wednesday in Norway. There is also opportunity for those 5-8 years old to be a part of the Lego Club Jr, which is every third Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in Iron Mountain. For more information on other events/programs, please visit their website!

Iron County:

For April at [the West Iron District Library](#), they will host a weekly storytime on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. They also do a weekly creative writing club for those 10 and up! This club goes from 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Some other events include after school crafts, knit/crochet, infant/toddler time, and more! For more details, please go to their website and access their monthly calendar, as it is updated monthly!

[The Crystal Falls Community](#) Library hosts monthly crafting sessions every last

Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. They will also host a storytime twice a month. For the month of April, storytime is on the 6th and the 18th at 10:00 a.m. The Crystal Falls Community Library also hosts classes on knitting/crocheting, they had young adult book club, and tech help. Please give them a call at (906) 875-3344 for more information on their events!

These are some great opportunities within the community to get your children socialized and feeling like a kid again! The library is also willing to accommodate for any child needing some extra help during this experience – including, but not limited to, noise cancelling headphones for those who are noise/sensory sensitive! They just ask that you call ahead to make sure they can make the correct accommodations for you and your child. So, feel free to check out and attend any of the libraries` events! They would be happy to have you 😊

Also, the local libraries in each county do offer summer programs, so be sure to check out their websites or give them a call for more information on these upcoming events!

Contact Your CSHCS Representative!

We are here to help YOU! Please feel free to reach out to your local CSHCS Representative at any time with any questions, comments, or concerns.

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