

**Who are Children
with Special
Health Care
Needs?**

Children who:

*are from birth to 21
years old*

*have or are suspected
of having a serious or
chronic **physical,**
developmental,
behavioral, or
emotional condition*

*who require health
and related services
beyond what children
generally need*



**Who do I contact
for information?**

**Montgomery County
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What is the Children with Special Health Care Needs Program?

The Children with Special Health Care Needs Program (CSHCN) is a statewide referral system of care for children and their families, linking them to appropriate health and related services to identify and resolve gaps and barriers, and to assure access to quality health care.



Services you will receive:

For all children from birth to 21 years of age who have an identified disability, the following services are available:

Connect families with community resources and programs

Provide support and guidance

Information about children with special needs, illness, and disability

Research additional resources not available to the family

Address concerns and required health or related services beyond what children generally need

Employ state tracking system to identify gaps in services for children with special health care needs

If you suspect that your child may have a chronic illness or disabling condition but he/she has not yet been diagnosed, he/she may meet the State's eligibility requirements to qualify for a comprehensive assessment and diagnostic evaluation.

This service is available regardless of financial status or insurance coverage. Your child must be referred for assessment/evaluation by a licensed physician and evaluated by an approved physician specialist or specialty center.

The CSHCN Program aims to ensure accessible, appropriate, comprehensive, and coordinated care for chronically ill and disabled children in New York State.

The CSHCN Program is funded by the New York State Department of Health and Montgomery County. There is no cost to families for participation in this program.