Who are children and youth with special health needs?

Children and youth with special health needs are children who have or may have a long-lasting health condition that requires medical care from a specialist.

Approximately 15% of children in the U.S. (over 11 million) have a chronic and/or complex health care need.

For more information, contact your local office

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Children and Youth with Special Health Needs Program

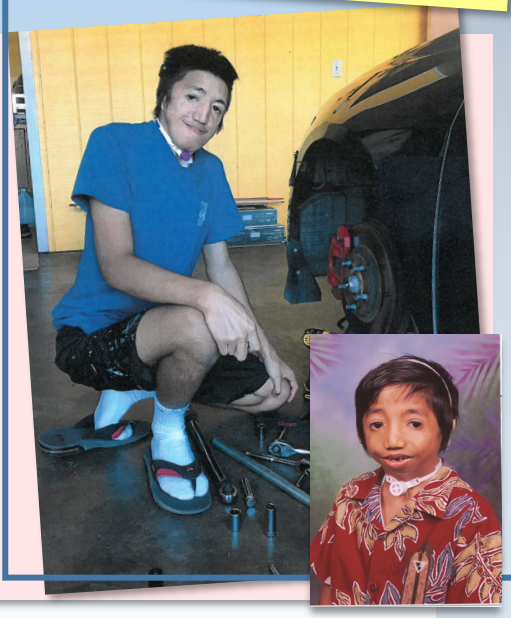
We help families with coordinating and obtaining services for their children with special health needs

Who can we help?

Children and youth who:

1) Are under 21 years old;
2) Have a health condition that will or may last one year or more, and that is under the care of a medical specialist; and
3) Reside in Hawai'i.

We can help families with coordinating of services no matter what their income is.



Services We Provide

- Coordination of health and other services with doctors and other providers
- Information about community services, health insurance, and resources, and help in obtaining these services
- Nutrition consultation
- We conduct Neighbor Island Clinics—neurology, cardiology, and nutrition
- Telehealth services for the Neighbor Islands
- Limited financial help* for services related to the child's chronic health condition. Services we may cover are:
  - Doctor and specialist office visits
  - Hearing aids
  - Travel and lodging expenses for Neighbor Island children requiring medical services on another island

** Restrictions may apply. Financial assistance depends on available program funds. Family must meet income criteria. Services must be pre-authorized. Health care providers must be willing to accept program fees.*

We Also Provide Transition Services to Healthy Adulthood

Planning is important to make sure there is a smooth transition when moving from adolescent to adult health care, health insurance, and social services.

We can help youth and young adults, ages 12 to 21 years old, and their families to prepare for this transition.

We will listen to children and youth with special health needs, to help guide them and their families over time by:

1) Teaching them about their bodies and how to develop good health habits, and
2) Supporting them by sharing the knowledge and skills needed for a successful adult life and for adult health care.