

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
KA 'OIHANA OLAKINO  
CHILDREN & YOUTH WITH SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS SECTION

**Public Health Emergency (PHE) Unwinding**

Aloha! We are the Children & Youth with Special Health Needs Section for the State of Hawaii. With the upcoming Public Health Emergency (PHE) ending in May 2023, we are anticipating some confusion and possible loss of Med-QUEST coverage for some people. We are here to support providers and families and wanted to share information about our programs and services.

We can help children with special health care needs and their families who may be impacted by the ending of the PHE, with resources to assist them in re-enrolling in Med-QUEST, finding other health insurance, or with access to medical specialty care (e.g., if families need to transition to private or other health insurance). Please keep us in mind to assist with these special populations and their families!

Within our section we have three different programs, the **Children and Youth with Special Health Needs Program (CYSHNP)**, the **Hi`ilei Developmental Screening Program (Hi`ilei)**, and the **Hawaii Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (HI-CLPPP)**. Please see below for a brief description of each.

**CYSHNP** (<https://health.hawaii.gov/cshcn/home/communitypage/>) provides services for children living in Hawaii with special health care needs, age 0-21 years, with chronic medical conditions that require specialized care (except mental and behavioral health). Some services we offer:

- Information and referral
- Service coordination related to medical specialty care (medical specialists, nutrition, social work, etc.)
- Transition planning to adult health care
- Cardiac and nutrition clinics on Neighbor Islands
- Limited financial assistance for medical specialty care (if family meets income criteria)

**Hi`ilei** (<https://health.hawaii.gov/cshcn/hiileihawaii/>) provides free developmental screening and information for children from birth to 5 years old.

**HI-CLPPP** ([lead.hawaii.gov](http://lead.hawaii.gov)) helps prevent lead exposure in keiki, identifies keiki already exposed to lead so the source can be removed, and links families with services.

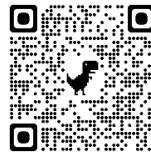
Get more information or refer online via the links or QR codes:



[CYSHNP Website](https://health.hawaii.gov/cshcn/home/communitypage/)



[CYSHNP Referral](#)



[Hi`ilei Program](#)



[Lead Program](#)

If you would like to make a referral or have questions, please call us at **808-733-9055**. Mahalo!