



Who are children and youth with special health needs?

Children and youth with special health needs either have increased risk or have chronic physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional conditions that require more specialized health services to thrive in their community.

Approximately 27% of children in the U.S. (over 19 million) have a chronic and/or complex health care need.

For more information, contact your local office

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Children with Special Health Needs Branch, Specialty Support Program (SSP)



We support families in navigating and identifying services for their child with special health needs.

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 available based on diagnosis and need.
- Neighbor Island Specialty Clinics (vary by island and may include but not limited to Cardiology, Neurology, and Developmental Pediatrics)
- Transition to Adult Health Care - Planning is important to make sure there is a smooth transition when moving from adolescent to adult health care, health insurance, and social services.
- At no cost to families

**For more information,
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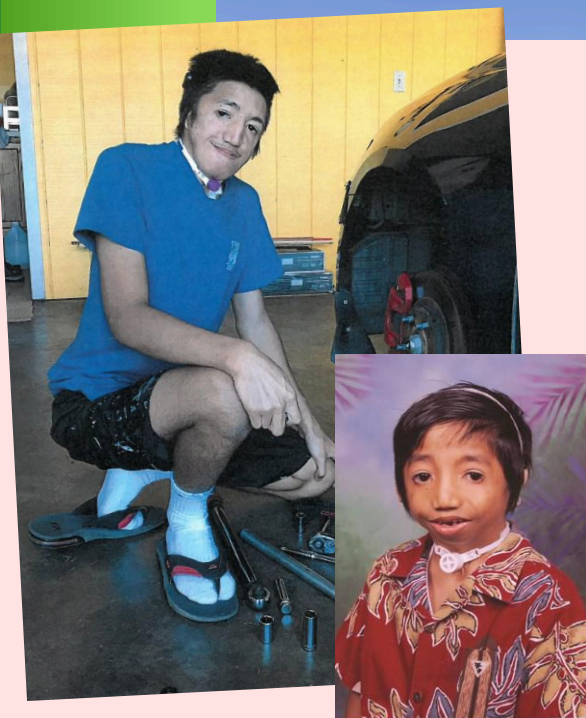


Specialty Support Program

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;
- 3) Under the care of a medical specialist; and
- 4) Reside in Hawai'i.



Medical Home and Care Coordination

Our program helps families utilize a medical home model so your child can grow and thrive.

What is a Medical Home?

A medical home is not a place. It is a team-based way of giving care that helps your child get the right support at the right time.

A medical home provides:

- Complete Care
Checkups, sick visits, long-term condition support, and mental health care.
- Family-Centered Care
The team listens to your needs and respects what matters to your family.
- Coordinated Care
Helps connect you with specialists, hospitals, and community services.
- Easy Access
Care is available in person or online, with appointments that fit your needs.
- Safe, Quality Care
Uses proven medical practices to keep your child healthy and supported.