

## Brief Program Descriptions CYSHCN Network



**Advocacy and Benefits Counseling for Health** is a Wisconsin-based nonprofit public interest law firm dedicated to ensuring health care access for children and families, particularly those with special needs or who are at risk. ABC for Health's mission is to provide health care consumers with the information, advocacy tools, legal services, and expert support they need to navigate through America's complex and confusing health care financing system.

<http://www.abcforhealth.org/>



**Family Voices of Wisconsin** is a statewide non-profit focused on supporting the voice of families in decision-making, leadership and systems change roles. FVW provides information, training and support around health care and community services to families throughout our state and supports essential partnerships between families and professionals. FVW's well received Did You Know? Now You Know! training series is offered statewide. <http://wfv.org/fv>



**Wisconsin First Step** is a statewide Information and Referral (I&R) hotline that serves families with children who have special health care needs and professionals. Wisconsin First Step has two components. It serves as the Central Directory for Wisconsin's [Birth To 3 Program](#). This statewide program provides supports and services to infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities and their families. Another component to First Step is to serve as the I&R hotline for the [Wisconsin Regional Centers](#). In addition to providing referrals to disability-related resources, Parent Specialists provide direct linkages to the closest CYSHCN Regional Center. A health and human services [database of disability-related resources](#) has been developed and is regularly updated. <http://www.mch-hotlines.org/web/mch/home.nsf/Menu/F0384769EE9DBAB786256F3F0072826C!OpenDocument>



**The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council's Children/Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Project** is a program which assists in providing information, resources, professional support, advocacy, parental training/education, social service coordination and assistance and aid in resolving specific concerns or needs regarding a child's disability to Native American families in Tribal communities in rural northern Wisconsin. The goal of the project is for each Native American child with a special health care need to obtain culturally appropriate health care service coordination, to include early identification, a complete developmental and medical assessment and to have access to primary health care services. <http://www.glitc.org/pages/cwshcnp.html>



**Parent to Parent of Wisconsin** provides the one-to-one connection for parents new to having a child with special needs, experiencing a time of stress or simply seeking support, resources and information with another parent who has been there. <http://www.familyresourceconnection.org/ptpow.htm>



**Wisconsin Regional Centers for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)** provide a system of information, referral and follow-up services so all families of children and youth with special health care needs and providers have access to complete and accurate information.

[http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/DPH\\_BFCH/cshcn/CntrsFrstStep.htm#Regional%20CSHCN%20Centers](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/DPH_BFCH/cshcn/CntrsFrstStep.htm#Regional%20CSHCN%20Centers)

## Medical Home Toolkit

**New** Building Medical Home Partnerships: Small Steps: Big Changes  
(Wisconsin Medical Home Toolkit)

[www.wimedicalhometoolkit.aap.org](http://www.wimedicalhometoolkit.aap.org) *Building a Medical Home Partnership: A Wisconsin Toolkit* is a new Web-based resource for Wisconsin health care providers. The *Toolkit* shares the insights of a committed group of families, physicians and care coordinators who have been involved in a continuous quality improvement process to create family-centered care for children and youth with special health care needs. The *Toolkit* is a roadmap to the tested tools and practice strategies recommended by Medical Home Teams both nationally and here in Wisconsin.

For more information about Medical Home and to obtain an introductory packet on the Wisconsin Toolkit, contact your Regional Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Center at [www.mch-hotlines.org](http://www.mch-hotlines.org). An Introductory Toolkit packet containing a CD-Rom with four of the videos is available in limited quantities. In addition, two brochures on medical home - *Tips for Providers* and *Tips for Families* - can be requested through the Regional Centers.