



## SPECIAL MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

### FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES: PARTNERS IN HEALTH (PIH)

#### WHAT IS PARTNERS IN HEALTH?

Partners in Health is a statewide community-based program that provides support to families of children with chronic health conditions or young adults themselves, regardless of income. The program also provides community events, education, and resource access. Partners in Health is one of the programs available through Special Medical Services for children and youth with special health care needs and their families.

#### WHO ARE THE FAMILIES WE SERVE?

Families in New Hampshire who have a child from birth to 21 with a chronic physical health condition that:

- Is expected to last for 12 months or longer, AND
  - Affects the child's ability to function daily, and/or
  - Requires frequent and intensive medical care AND
- Is not a developmental disability, mental illness, obesity, or dental condition alone.

#### HOW CAN FAMILY SUPPORT COORDINATORS HELP?

- Assisting families in identifying their **needs** surrounding their child and family.
- Providing **financial** assistance as it relates to the family's need and the condition of the child.
- Providing inclusive community **recreation** and chances to **connect** with other families.
- Offering families opportunities to impact the **community** with projects and events.
- Assisting families to access the **training** and resources to monitor these health care needs.
- Assisting families in gaining **access** to services and entitlements in the community.

#### HOW DO I APPLY TO PIH?

You can call the central office. They will provide you with contact information for your community's coordinator. You can connect with the Family Support Coordinator for your area to fill out an application and discuss your child and family's needs and concerns. **For more information please call the:**

**Toll-free Information Line: 1-800-656-3333    TDD Access: 1-800-735-2964**

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