



Children with Special Health Needs (CSHN)

CSHN supports Vermont children and youth with special health needs by ensuring comprehensive, culturally sensitive, community-based, and family-centered services.



- A free public health program
- For children with complex, chronic health conditions and/or developmental disorders
- Ages birth to age 21

Who we are:

- **A team of medical social workers, nurses, and other specialty staff who are experienced and skilled in working with children with special health needs, their families and providers to access and navigate the systems of care.**
- We support communities by working to remove barriers and improve the systems of care framework.



Care Consultation Team

We provide consultation to families, care teams, and community partners to help them **access resources and reduce barriers.**

We support the teams that support families.

Our team of consultants are **located throughout the state.**

Our involvement is **short term and on an as needed basis.**





Health Systems Team

We work within the **systems of care framework** to **improve the services** that support children with special health needs and their families. We **use data** to **identify** and **remove barriers**, and **develop resources** with input from key partners, including the CSHN team, families, and community providers.

Children's Personal Care Services

Sometimes children need extra help with their **daily self-care routine**.

Children's Personal Care Services may be able to help families and caregivers to pay for **one-on-one assistance** for a child that requires help with **dressing, bathing, grooming, toileting, eating and/or mobility**.

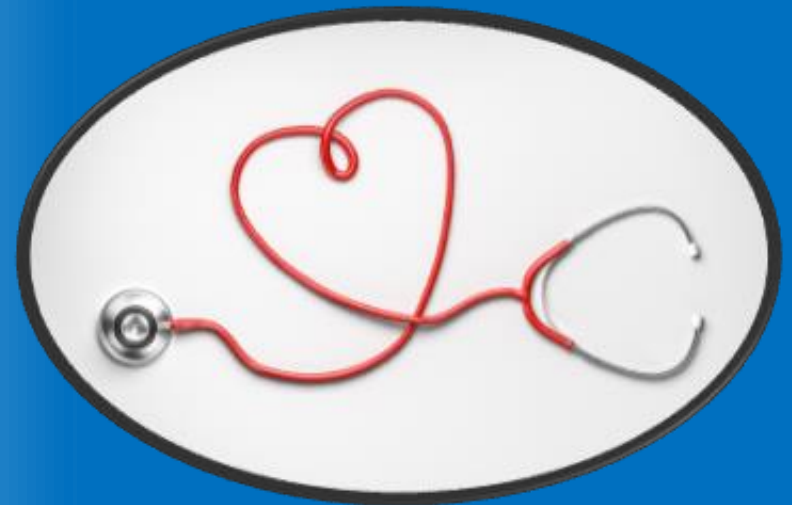


Pediatric Hi-Tech Nursing

Whenever possible, children and their families are given the choice to live in their own homes and communities, not hospitals.

Some children live with medical conditions that require in-home nursing care to achieve this goal.

Pediatric High-Tech Nursing enables medically fragile children with complex needs to be cared for safely at home and in their community.



Pediatric Palliative Care Program

Palliative care provides an added **layer of support** for children and adolescents **living with serious illness**.

- Can **help to ease pain** and other upsetting symptoms resulting from a condition or treatment
- Available for children at **any age and any stage of illness**
- **Can be combined** with other treatments the child is receiving





Community Nutrition Services

Individualized nutrition services are sometimes necessary for children with special health needs who have specific growth, feeding and dietary needs.

Services are provided by expertly trained Registered Dietitians (RDs) who serve all regions of Vermont.



Vermont Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (VTEHDI)

- ❑ Follows the EHDI National Benchmarks:
 - Screen hearing by 1 month of age.
 - Diagnose hearing by 3 months of age.
 - Enroll into early intervention by 6 months of age.
- ❑ Provides care consultation state-wide, for infants and children, birth to 3 years of age who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or DeafBlind and their families.
- ❑ Partners with families and providers including birth hospitals, homebirth midwives, primary care professionals, audiologists, early head start and early intervention providers.
- ❑ Provides education, training and technical assistance to community partners.

For more information: [Healthvermont.gov/hearing](https://healthvermont.gov/hearing) 9

Newborn Screening

- All babies born in Vermont have the opportunity to receive **newborn screening tests** to check for rare but serious conditions which may not be obvious at birth.
- Babies are screened for **33 serious health conditions**
- When these health problems are **found early** by testing, babies can get the treatment and care they need.

Contact us

Check out our
website:

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/family/special-health-needs>

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