

Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN)

The U.S. Maternal and Child Health Bureau defines Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) as:

“... those who have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally.”

Common Health Care Conditions

- Emotional Disturbance
- Mental Retardation
- Autism
- Health Impairment
- Learning Disability
- Speech Disorder
- Developmental Delay

Career opportunities with CSHCN

- Home health care
- Mobility specialists
- Dental care professionals
- Genetic counseling
- Family therapy & counseling

Home Based Therapeutic Services (HBTS)

What is HBTS? HBTS is available to children and young adults, through age 21, with autism, developmental disabilities, or mental health needs. To be referred for this program a child must meet eligibility requirements as determined by the Department of Human Services.

HBTS succeeds in its mission by maintaining the highest possible expectations for each child, as well as for the staff who support them.