



Five Things to Know for Early-July

Free Webinar: Care Coordination

Care coordination is an important approach to addressing the fragmented care that children with medical complexity often encounter. What are optimal care coordination services? How does care coordination intersect with care integration and case management? Learn best practices and how to implement a process that will achieve improved outcomes and value for children with special health care needs and their families. Audience Q&A is highly encouraged. Attendees can listen via web or phone. July 26, 10-11 am: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6314492371449423875>

California Children Services (CCS): Whole Child Model Transition

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will begin transitioning CCS to the Whole Child Model (WCM) in July. This shift will integrate specialty care with Medi-Cal managed care for most children currently receiving CCS services. Notices about the transition will be mailed to affected families. Local health plans are seeking applicants for CCS Family Advisory Committees. Check your child's health plan Website for information.

Funding: Self Determination Application Approved

The application for federal funding of the **Self-Determination Program** has been approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This is an essential step toward providing people who receive regional center services and their families an alternative way to coordinate their services, with more freedom and control over how the services are provided and the individuals who support them. Providing information and support, in particular training and orientation materials, needed to assist those who are selected and choose to participate is central to implementation and is in the final stages of completion. An implementation timeline will be posted at <https://www.dds.ca.gov/SDP/>. If you would like to be notified of future updates about Self-Determination, please send an email to sdp@dds.ca.gov Information for those who are interested on how they can be considered for participation in the Self-Determination Program can be found at <https://www.dds.ca.gov/SDP/sdpEnrollment.cfm>

Recreation: Miracle League Baseball

The **Miracle League of San Diego** provides children with special needs the opportunity to play baseball in an organized league. Every player is matched with a volunteer buddy for the entire season. The League is coming to Bell Middle School, 620 Briarwood Road, San Diego, 92139, where games will be played each Saturday between September 15- October 10. Registration stays open through August 18. ryan@miracleleaguesandiego.org or 858-964-2222.

Participation: Focus Group Opportunity

Family Voices, a grass roots advocacy organization for children and youth with special health care needs is seeking young adults with disabilities and/or complex medical needs for a focus group. Participants will receive a \$100 stipend. Individuals who are interested in learning more or in participating can contact mvickers@familyvoices.org

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