

Special Child Health Services Morris County Case Management Unit

Who is a child with special needs?

Any infant, child or young adult who has a disease, disability or condition that may interfere with typical growth and development is considered to be a child with special needs. Children and adolescents with special needs may include:

- > children with developmental disabilities including Autism;
- > children with serious medical conditions;
- > premature or low birthweight infants;
- children whose development in walking, talking, playing or learning is delayed;
- > seriously injured accident victims.

Quien es un nino con Necesidades Especiales?

Cualquier infante, nino o adulto hasta la edad de 22 anos que tenga una enfermedad, discapacidad o condicion que pueda interferir con crecimiento y desarrollo tipico se considera un nino con necesidades especiales. Se incluyen:

- ninos con discapacidades de desarrollo, incluyendo el autismo
- > ninos con condiciones medicas serias
- > infantes premaduros o de bajo peso
- > ninos con retrasos en caminar, hablar, jugar o aprender
- > victimas de accidentes con heridas serias

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Getting the right help for your child

The diagnosis of a child's disability can be overwhelming. Parents may feel frustrated, alone, and unsure about where to go for help. Special Child Health Services, a collaborative program of Morris County and Goryeb Children's Hospital, helps parents who live in Morris County access the services available to their children.

Case Management Unit staff at Special Child Health Services work with parents to locate and take advantage of medical, financial, educational, recreational and rehabilitative services for children with special needs who are under 22 years of age.

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There is no fee for Case Management services.

Servicios de Case Management son gratis.

Services provided by the Case Management staff include:

- Identification of and referral to local and state resources such as Early Intervention, PerformCare, SSI and DDD.
- Coordination and collaboration with other professionals to facilitate appropriate services for each child.
- > Follow up with parents on each child's progress to include identification of and assistance with new or unmet needs.
- Help families develop needed advocacy skills to seek appropriate educational services for their child.
- > Community liaison for the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund.

