

Rhode Island

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MISSION STATEMENT

Not available.

I. DIRECT HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Direct health care services are defined as services generally delivered between a health professional and a patient in an office, clinic or emergency room. For example, well child care visit; visit to doctor for an acute health care condition (e.g. earache); follow-up visit to a specialist for a chronic condition (e.g. asthma, diabetes, sickle cell disease), physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, inpatient and outpatient medical services, allied health services, lab, etc.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR DIRECT CARE SERVICES

Age:
Birth to 22 years of age.

Residency:
Residency not required.

Medical:
Families concerned about their child's health or development are eligible for specialty evaluation and services through OCSHN's community contracts.

Eligible Conditions:

Medical eligibility is not based on specific diagnoses.

Excluded Conditions:

None. Contact the Program directly for more information.

Financial:

General Financial Eligibility:

There are no general financial eligibility criteria. Contact the Program directly for more information.

Financial Eligibility:

There are no financial eligibility criteria. Contact the Program directly for more information.

Family Co-Payment or Financial Participation Requirements:

Family co-payment or financial participation is based upon an approved sliding fee scale established by the contracting agency providing services. The sliding fee scale is based on the family's ability to pay for services.

DIRECT CARE SERVICES (PROVIDED OR PAID FOR):

The following direct health care services are provided through OCSHN (although certain limitations may apply):

ADHD Evaluation	Hearing Services	Physical Therapy
ADHD Treatment	Information and Referral	Psychiatric Evaluation
Assistive Technology	Integrated Skills Group	Psychological Evaluation
Child Care	Interdisciplinary Evaluation	Service Coordination
Dentistry (limited)	Laboratory Analysis	Special Formulas (PKU)
Developmental Monitoring	Medical Care Coordination	Specialty Assessment
Developmental Screen	Medical Nutrition Services	Speech Therapy
Family Advocacy	Neurology Assessment	Technical Assistance
Family To Family Support	Nursing Services	Transportation
Hearing Evaluations	Occupational Therapy	

Excluded Direct Care Services:

Inpatient Hospital Care
Routine Pediatric Care

HOW/WHERE DIRECT CARE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED:

OCSHN contracts with hospitals, early intervention sites, and other agencies (public and private) to provide services to children with special health care needs.

Specialty Clinics/Programs:

ADHD Clinic	Feeding Team Clinic	Muscular Dystrophy Clinic
Assistive Technology Instruction	Hemophilia Clinic	Neurology Clinic
Cystic Fibrosis Clinic	Inborn Errors of Metabolism Clinic	Neuromuscular Disability Clinic
Down’s Syndrome Clinic	Meningomyelocele	Seizure Disorder Clinic
		Sickle Cell Clinic

Coordination of Financial Benefits:

The OCSHN is the payor of last resort. The program determines the family’s health insurance status or Medicaid eligibility. Third party insurance and/or Medicaid must be billed first.

SPECIALIZED OR UNIQUE DIRECT CARE SERVICES, SPECIAL GRANTS, WORKSHOPS, ETC.:

- ❑ First Connections funded through a Title V SPRANS grant, providing specialty care coordination and treatment services for children with hearing impairment.
- ❑ Disability and Health Program funded through HRSA providing capacity building, specialty services and assistive technology to people with disabilities in RI.
- ❑ Hasbro Child Development Center funded through RI state appropriation and Medicaid for the provision of specialty evaluation and services.
- ❑ Providence Smiles funded through Title V general funds to provide dental services to RI’s under insured children.

II. ENABLING SERVICES

Enabling services are defined as services that allow or provide for access to and the derivation of benefits from the array of basic health care services and includes such things as transportation, translation services, outreach, respite care, health education, family support services, purchase of health insurance, case management, coordination of Medicaid, WIC and education.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ENABLING SERVICES

Age:

Birth to 22 years of age.

Residency:

Residency not required.

Medical:

Families concerned about their child’s health or development are eligible for specialty evaluation and services through OCSHN’s community contracts.

Eligible Conditions:

Medical eligibility is not based on specific diagnoses.

Excluded Conditions:

None. Contact the Program directly for more information.

Financial:

There are no general financial eligibility criteria. Contact the Program directly for more information.

ENABLING SERVICES (PROVIDED OR PAID FOR):

The following enabling services are provided through OCSHN:

Care Coordination	Family to Family Support	Interpreter
Child Find Activities	Family Resource	Sign Language Interpreter
Family Advocacy	Counseling	Translation
Assistance	Information & Referral	Transportation

Coordination of Services:

Care coordination primarily consists of assistance to families in identifying and coordinating medical services. The CEDARR Initiative (Comprehensive Evaluation, Diagnosis, Assessment, Referral, and Re-Evaluation) provides in-depth care coordination for CSHCN. CEDARR Family Centers, Early Intervention, Hasbro Specialty Clinics and Child Development Center (a center for diagnostic evaluation) include comprehensive coordination of complex medical services, assistance with financing alternatives, and location of providers or vendors. Intensive care coordination is also an integral component of the Early Intervention Program serving eligible children birth to three.

Excluded Enabling Services:

- Inpatient Hospital Care
- Routine Pediatric Care

HOW/WHERE ENABLING SERVICES ARE PROVIDED:

OCSHN contracts with hospitals, early intervention sites, and other agencies (public and private) to provide services to children with special health care needs.

Specialty Clinics/Programs:

Child Development Center Clinics	Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
Early Intervention Programs	Parent Consultant Programs
Family Voices	Rhode Island Parent Information Network

SPECIALIZED OR UNIQUE ENABLING SERVICES, SPECIAL GRANTS, WORKSHOPS, ETC.:

- Equipping Families with Technology is a Title V funded project that provides families of children with special needs with computers and internet access in order to communicate and research particular treatments and diagnoses.
- Parent Consultant Program is funded through Title V funds and provides quality assurance and parent perspective to all Family Health programs, including WIC, lead poisoning prevention, immunization program, Early Intervention, children with special needs, child care and community development.
- Family Voices of RI is partly funded through Title V funds and supports the infrastructure around family advocacy for families of children with special needs.

III. POPULATION-BASED SERVICES

Population-based services are defined as prevention services and personal health services that are developed and available for the entire MCH/CSHCN population of the state rather than for individuals on a one-on-one situation. Disease prevention, health promotion, and statewide outreach are major components. Common among these services are newborn screening, lead screening, immunizations, SIDS counseling, oral health, injury prevention, nutrition, and outreach/public education.

POPULATION-BASED SERVICES (PROVIDED OR PAID FOR):

The following population-based services are provided through the Division of Family Health for all children in RI including CSHCN:

Adolescent Services	Hearing Screening	Lead Screening
Child Care	Identification & Outreach	MCH Level 1 Screening
Child Find Program	Initiatives	Newborn Screening
Childhood Immunization	Information & Referral	Nutrition Counseling
Family Outreach Program	Lead Poisoning Prevention	Risk Assessment Follow-up
Family Planning Services		

HOW/WHERE POPULATION-BASED SERVICES ARE PROVIDED:

OCSHN contracts with hospitals, early intervention sites, and other agencies (public and private) to provide services to children with special health care needs.

SPECIALIZED OR UNIQUE POPULATION-BASED SERVICES, SPECIAL GRANTS, WORKSHOPS, ETC.:

- ❑ Women & Infants Hearing Assessment Program funded through RI state appropriation for the screening, detection, tracking and referral linkages for all children.
- ❑ Lead Poisoning Prevention Program funded through CDC to build identification, tracking and treatment capacity throughout RI. Special focus on Prevention.
- ❑ Comprehensive Newborn Screening and Follow-Up.
- ❑ All Kids Count a Robert Wood Johnson Grant used for confidentiality coordination among data sources, including Early Intervention Management Information Systems and KIDSNET.
- ❑ Data Utilization Grant - SPRANS grant used for the enhancement of KIDSNET data system.
- ❑ Early Detection and Hearing Identification, a SPRANS grant used to enhance the hearing assessment, tracking and capacity building in the audiology community.
- ❑ Birth Defects Surveillance is a CDC grant used to develop a database of all newborn birth defects in RI in order to provide a better understanding of birth defect trends in RI, provide information for activities that will help improve access to services by children with birth defects and provide information for the development and implementation of activities to help prevent birth defects.
- ❑ Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) is a SPRANS grant to evaluate access to prenatal health care and pregnancy outcomes.
- ❑ Healthy Child Care America is a federal grant used to identify needs and provide training to child care professionals throughout the state.

IV. INFRASTRUCTURE BUILDING SERVICES

Infrastructure building services are defined as services that address the development and maintenance of comprehensive health services systems. Infrastructure building services include: needs assessment, evaluation, planning, policy development, coordination, quality assurance, standards development, monitoring, training, applied research, development of information systems and systems of care (which are family-centered, community-based, etc.), development and maintenance of health services standards/guidelines, training, data and planning systems, etc.

INFRASTRUCTURE BUILDING SERVICES:

The following infrastructure building services are provided through OCSHN:

Early Intervention Management Information System
Enhancing Quality
Guidelines for Quality Assurance
KIDSNET
Lead Database
Standards of Care for Early Intervention
Standards and Indicators of Quality Care for CSHCN
Title V Needs Assessment

HOW/WHERE INFRASTRUCTURE BUILDING SERVICES ARE PROVIDED:

OCSHN contracts with hospitals, early intervention sites, and other agencies (public and private) to provide services to children with special health care needs. However, the majority of

infrastructure building services occur from the RI Department of Health through our main information systems and quality assurance staff.

SPECIALIZED OR UNIQUE INFRASTRUCTURE BUILDING SERVICES, SPECIAL GRANTS, WORKSHOPS, ETC.:

- ❑ URI Special Needs Training to Professionals provides comprehensive and overview courses for parents, professionals, and paraprofessionals working with children with special health care needs.
- ❑ Statewide Needs Assessment is conducted through the Title V application process and involves child welfare, education, court, census data, and the community.
- ❑ Lead Poisoning Tracking System tracks the environmental aspects of the community as well as specific children who are poisoned and the services they receive.
- ❑ Disability Determination Project using SSI data to understand trends in eligibility and outreach to families of newly diagnosed children.

OUT-OF-STATE SERVICES FUNDED BY THE PROGRAM:

None. Contact the Program directly for more information.

STATUTORY/REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF THE PROGRAM:

R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-13-1, et. seq. (1992)