The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) program provides public health nurse services to families who have children, birth to 18 years, with a chronic health condition. This service is supported by state and federal tax dollars and is offered at no cost to families.

Examples of a few conditions children may have: Asthma, autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome, cleft lip and/or palate, cystic fibrosis, prematurity, speech/language delay, hearing loss, gross and/or fine motor delay.

The Public Health Nurse collaborates with the child’s health care team, including the parents, to provide assistance with care coordination. The nurse may provide:

1. Information about your child’s medical condition
2. Education about, and screening for, appropriate infant - child growth and development
3. Assistance with specific areas of concern such as feeding and nutrition, or behavioral challenges

4. Referrals to local resources related to:
   - Early intervention for developmental assessments
   - Preschool and other school district based programs
   - Financial assistance
   - Parent support

Referrals to the CSHCN Program can be made by: parents, physicians, WIC, hospitals, schools or other agencies.

There may be a limited amount of financial assistance for specific services or supplies not covered by Medicaid. To qualify for this part of the CSHCN Program, the family’s income must be less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES
Main Switchboard ....................... 360.397.8000
Access to Baby/Child Dentistry--(ABCD Program) ......................... 360.397.8254
Nurse-Family Partnership—(1st time, low-income mothers program) ......... 360.397.8440
Russкая линия……… 397-8000, доп. 7206 (Russian Message Line)
Linea en Espanol...... 397-8000  ext.7205 (Spanish Line)

COMMUNITY RESOURCES
Child Care Aware .................360-750-7429
DSHS Customer Service Center .............................................877-501-2233
Developmental Disabilities Assoc. (DDA) .....................................360-418-6108
Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) at ESD 112 ......................360-750-7507
Medical Transportation ........ 360-694-9997
Social Security Income – (SSI) ..................................................800-772-1213
WA Health Plan Finder ........ 855-923-4633 www.wahealthplanfinder.org
WIC-(Women, Infant & Children's) Supplemental Food Prog-SeaMar .............................................360-397-8459
There is no charge for a Public Health CSHCN Nurse, regardless of family income.

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Providing linkages to community resources and support for families of infants/children with health/developmental needs.

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