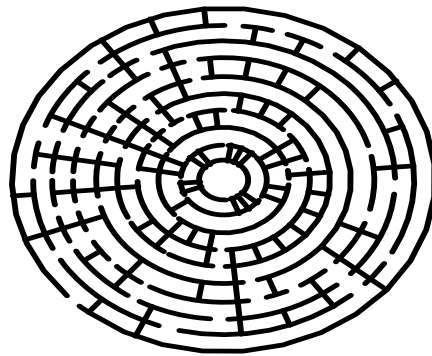


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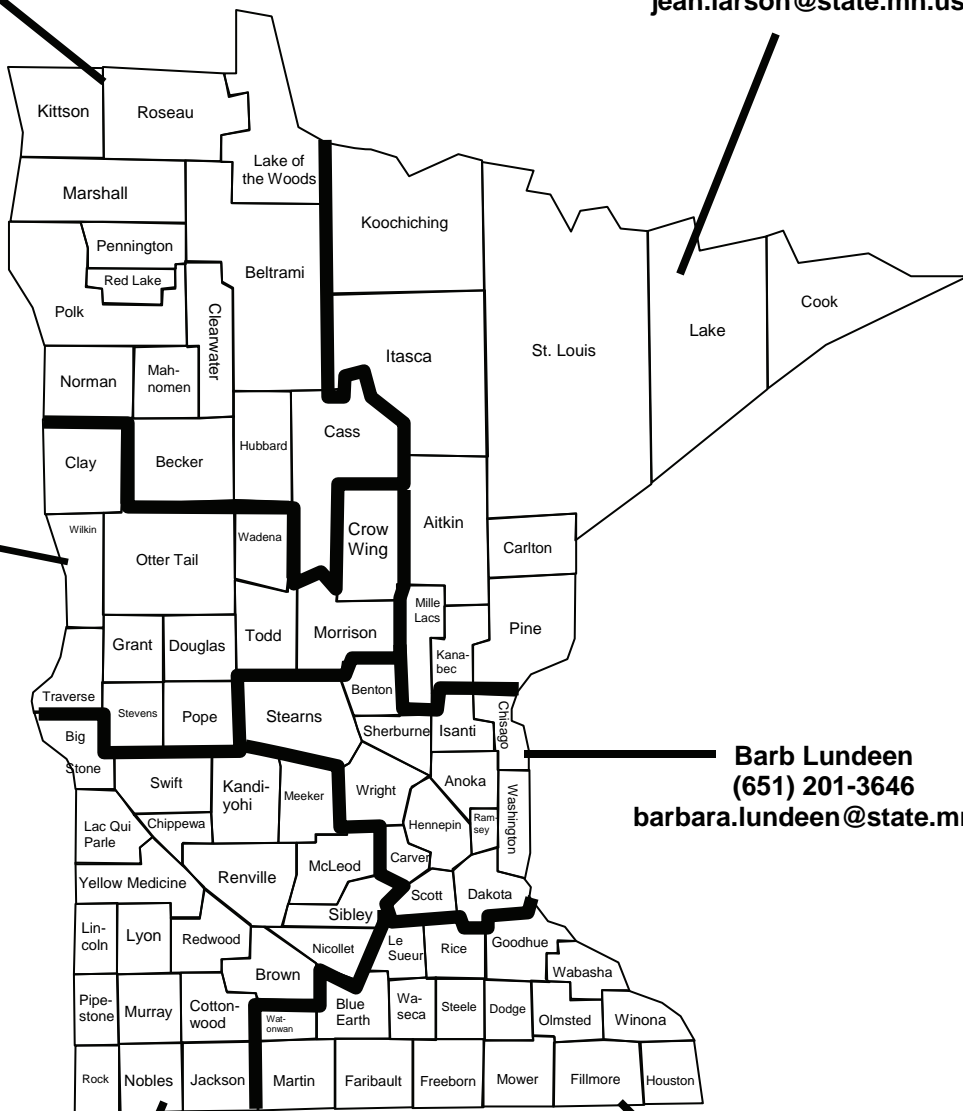
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Who are Children & Youth with Special Health Needs?

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs are those children, ages birth to 21, who have or are at risk for chronic physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional conditions and who also require health and related services beyond those that are generally required by children.

In Minnesota, this includes nearly 200,000 children. One in every 5 families with children includes one or more children with special health needs.

Our Mission

To provide leadership through partnerships with families and other key stakeholders and improve the access to and quality of all systems impacting children and youth with special health needs and their families.

Programs and Services

For the most complete and up to date resources and information for all of Minnesota Children & Youth with Special Health Needs programs, please visit our website at www.health.state.mn.us/mcyshn

General Information and Assistance Line

Information is available for families, health care providers, public health nurses, teachers, social workers and others looking for help identifying and locating resources for children/youth with special health needs. The service is free and confidential. Knowledgeable staff will return calls during normal business hours.

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District Consultants

District Consultants at Minnesota Children & Youth with Special Health Needs are located throughout the state and are available to assist in assuring access to and quality of services to children and their families. Because they live in the areas they serve, they understand local strengths and needs, and are readily available to help identify resources and problem solve in partnership with agencies and families.

Help Me Grow

Help Me Grow is Minnesota's early intervention program for children ages birth through five who have developmental delays or disabilities. Early childhood specialists will work with eligible children and families to plan the services and supports they need.

Follow Along Program

The Follow Along Program provides free, periodic screening of infants and toddlers to ensure early identification of those at risk for health issues and/or development delays. The program enhances a family's understanding of their child's development so they can meet the needs of their infants and toddlers, as well as know when to ask for help.

Newborn Screening Follow Up

Hospitals in Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Health partner to screen all babies for rare and serious conditions. Almost every day, a baby is born in Minnesota with a hidden, rare disorder that can be found by newborn screening. These babies seem healthy at birth, but need early medical care in order to prevent complications of the condition such as serious medical issues, developmental delays, or even death if the disorder is not found and managed early.

Newborn hearing screening can find babies before they show delays in speech and language development. Minnesota Children & Youth with Special Health Needs assures that newborns identified through hearing and blood spot screening are connected to the resources their families need.

Suicide Prevention

The Suicide Prevention Program is educational in nature and is part of MDH's public health approach to mental health. The Suicide Prevention Coordinator monitors suicide trends, provides expertise about best practices in suicide prevention, serves as a resource to individuals seeking information, and offers technical assistance with local program development.