



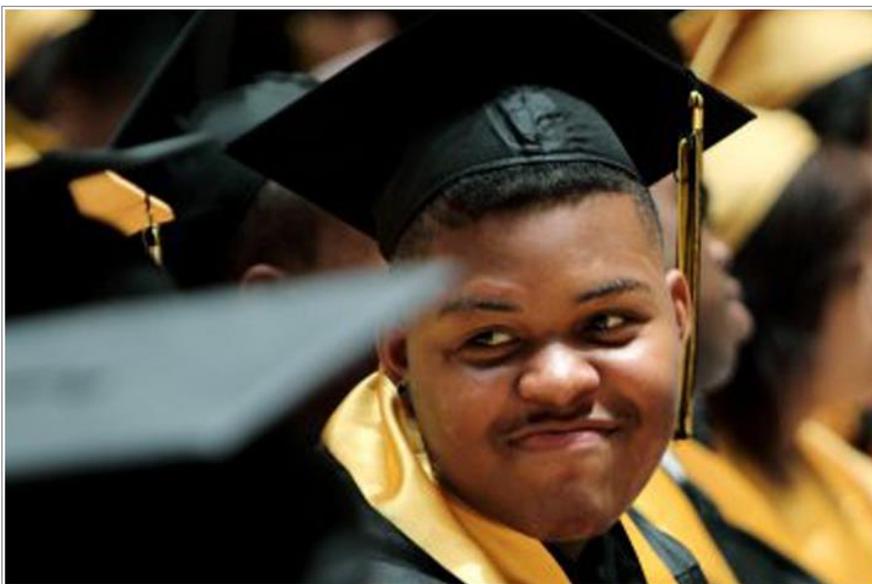
## CHILDREN with CHRONIC HEALTH CARE NEEDS (CHC) Program

CHC assists families of children and youth with conditions that require support and services beyond those of their typically-developing peers. Eligible conditions include chronic medical conditions in addition to developmental or behavioral health conditions.



In addition to their need for supportive services based on their condition, children and youth with special health care needs have the same needs as typically-developing children -- opportunities to learn and grow, to interact socially with peers, and to develop a sense of self in their community. CHC is here to help!

### About the Children with Chronic Health Care Needs Program:



The CHC program provides care coordination services (case management) to support families of children and youth in accessing community-based, family-centered, culturally sensitive services which will assist the child with special health care needs to reach their maximum potential.

## CHC Services Include:

- Identifying children with disabilities and/or chronic health problems
- Assisting families in accessing community-based health care services
- Assisting families by providing coordination of services
- Making referrals to specialists (for example: geneticists, sign language instructors, nutritionists)
- Linking families to programs, services, and resources in the community to meet family goals and interests
- Establishing a medical home for the child
- Assisting families in obtaining medical equipment related to their child's special needs
- Assisting families in coordinating payment for their child's special health care needs
- Supporting transition from pediatric to adult health care systems



## How to apply:



Families can make a referral for their child, or referrals can be made by medical professionals, therapy providers, early intervention professionals, early childhood educators, school district staff, or other programs or organizations.

Contact DDS Intake and Referral Unit:

**501-683-6502**

Once CHC receives a referral, the program will contact the family to answer questions about the program, learn about their child's and family's unique strengths and needs, and guide the family through the process.