

Central Massachusetts
Partnership for Children
and Youth with Special
Health Care Needs



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About the CMP

- The CMP brings together parents and professional to improve systems of care for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN)
- **Mission**
 - To facilitate family-centered and coordinated care for CYSHCN through education, awareness and community partnership

Membership

- Parents
- Advocates
- Researchers
- Physicians
- Health Care Providers
- Community Representatives
- State Agencies
- Education and Social Service Providers

CMP

- Originally developed at UMass Memorial Children's Medical Center in June 2002 to foster the "Medical Home" model of care within that institution and our community, in fulfillment of the goals of the US Healthy People 2010.
- Over time our goals and mission evolved to encompass broader issues involving active collaboration needed between parents and health care professionals throughout our region.

CMP continued

- In October 2004, the CMP formally affiliated with the statewide Massachusetts Consortium for Children with Special Health Care Needs.

Activities

- Monthly meetings
- *Family Reflections* Guide
- CMP Reception

Family Reflections

- Developed by CMP to assist families in accessing services for their children with special medical, developmental, educational and/or emotional/behavioral needs in order to optimize child and family functioning.

Family Reflections continued

- Guide presents the stories of individual families and suggests some of the resources each family might explore.
- It is meant to accompany other traditional guides - such as the Family TIES Resource Guide, which gives a comprehensive review of services, providers and agencies.

Family Reflections continued

- We encourage parents, healthcare providers and other professionals to use the stories as a basis for reflection, communication and problem-solving for the children in their care.

Reaction to *Family Reflections*

“This is an excellent and practical guide. The family stories really make the information real and useful and also interesting to read, unlike the typical boring resource guides. Very useful information, but not so much that people might feel overwhelmed”

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CMP Reception

- Held Wednesday, Nov. 9th 6:30 - 8pm
- Purpose was to introduce parents, professionals and community based organizations to the goals and purpose of CMP
- Invited attendees to join the CMP and help design our groups future directions
- Unveil our first publication- *Family Reflections*

CMP Reception continued

- 47 attendees:
 - 6 physicians
 - 5 care coordinators
 - 3 social workers
 - 2 educators
 - 5 nurses
 - 3 psychologists
 - 1 intern
 - 8 parent/professionals
 - 7 parents
 - 7 community based organizations

Agencies and Organizations

- Community Healthlink/Youth and Family Services
- Central Region Consultation Program
- HMEA-Intensive Flexible Family Support
- UMM Pediatric HIV Program
- South County Pediatrics – Webster
- Community Case Management
- Public Sector Partners/UMMS
- Medical Associates Pediatrics – Leominster
- Seven Hills Clinical Associates
- DMR
- CMFOC
- Nashaway Pediatrics Parent Advisory Group
- UMMHC Childrens Medical Center
- South County Pediatrics Parent Advisory Group
- UMass Medical Center- Div. Pedi GI and Nutrition
- Central Mass Medical Home Network Initiative (CMMHNI)
- Central Mass Communities of Care
- Worcester Communities of Care
- DPH
- Family TIES of Massachusetts
- DSS
- Shriver Clinical Services
- Autism Resource Center
- FLLAC Educational Collaborative

Next Steps

- Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13th from 8:00-9:30 am.
- Review our surveys and comments from reception
- Begin to develop a work plan, design a structure for the group
- Focus on how we can improve systems of care for CYSHCN in our region.