

Many Voices, One Message

Improving Systems of Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs

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The Nathan and Toby Starr Center for Mental Retardation at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University
Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division for Perinatal, Early Childhood and Special Health Needs

9:00 - 9:30 AM	Check-In and Continental Breakfast
9:30 - 9:45 AM	Welcome and Introductory Remarks Marty Wyngaarden Krauss, PhD, <i>Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University</i> Stephanie H. Cálves, JD, MPH, <i>Massachusetts Consortium for Children with Special Health Care Needs</i>
9:45 - 10:30 AM	<u>Who's at the Table? Why is it a Table, Anyway?</u> <u>Including Many Voices in the Massachusetts Consortium for Children with Special Health Care Needs</u> Suzanne Bronheim, PhD <i>National Center for Cultural Competence, Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development</i>
10:30 AM - Noon	<u>Many Voices: Cultural Perspectives on Health Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs</u> What do the voices of ethnic and cultural communities in Massachusetts say about health care for children with special needs? How can the Consortium ensure that all voices are heard in our work for systems change? Rooshey Hasnain, EdD, Moderator, <i>Institute for Community Inclusion, Community Capacity Building</i> <i>Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ José Baez, <i>MA Department of Public Health</i>▪ Eneida Garcia, <i>Parent of a Child with Special Health Care Needs</i>▪ Antoinette Louis, <i>Parent of a Child with Special Health Care Needs</i>▪ Quynh Pham, <i>Youth Group Member</i>▪ Renald Raphael, <i>Haitian American Public Health Initiative (HAPHI)</i>▪ Tuyet Tran, <i>Community Health Link</i>
Noon - 12:15 PM	Break
12:15 - 1:00 PM	Lunch and <u>Poster Session: Voices of the Community</u> Exhibitors from organizations that serve and support children with special health care needs and their families will highlight the work they're doing to connect with ethnic and cultural communities.
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Making Our Voices Heard: Concurrent Sessions
Room: Sherman Hall	<u>Getting the Family Out from Under: Care Coordination in a Family-Centered System of Care</u> Deborah Allen, ScD, and Kathleen Ryan, <i>Care Coordination Work Group</i> This session will review the Consortium's proposal for design and financing of a statewide care coordination program. It will discuss the place of care coordination in a coordinated, comprehensive system for children and youth with special health care needs. <u>Read the Introduction and Executive Summary.</u>
Room: Luria 3	Growing Family Participation in the Consortium Linda Freeman and Suzanne Gottlieb, <i>Family Participation Work Group</i> The Family Participation Work Group's new mission statement has a focus on outreach. Join the discussion, which will include an update on the Family-Professional Partners Institute and new diversity initiatives.
Room: Luria 1-2	Making the Case for Coverage Nancy Turnbull and Treseanne Ainsworth, <i>Medical Coverage Decision-Making Work Group</i> Review the draft of a new booklet being created to help clinicians better understand how health plans make coverage decisions, and how to advocate for the children in their care. It's based on <u>these findings</u> about health plan decision-making.

Return to Sherman Hall

2:00 - 2:10 PM

Break

2:10 - 2:25 PM

[One Message: Building Connections to Build Better Care](#)

A brief look at the Consortium's past, present and future.

Susan G. Epstein, MSW, *New England SERVE*

2:25 - 2:30 PM

Closing Remarks

Meg Comeau, MHA

Chair, Steering Committee, Massachusetts Consortium for Children with Special Health Care Needs

The Catalyst Center, Health & Disability Working Group, Boston University School of Public Health

Room: Luria 1-2

Bonus Session:

2:40 - 3:30 PM

Health Care Reform in Massachusetts: How Will It Affect Children and Families?

Please join us immediately following the conference for this timely panel discussion.

- Brian Rosman, *Health Care for All*
- Robert Seifert, *Massachusetts Medicaid Policy Institute*
- Nancy Turnbull, *Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation*