



**Department
of Health**

**Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs
(CYSHCN) Program
An Overview for Early Intervention Staff**

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Agenda

- **Overview of the CYSHCN Program**
- **Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Support Services (CYSHCN SS)**
- **Regional Support Centers (RSCs)**
- **Questions and Answers**



Title V Funding

- NYSDOH receives federal funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
 - Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (MCHSBG)
 - 30% of MCHSBG funds to support programs across New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) that serve CYSHCN
 - \$6.2 million supports CYSHCN programs administered by 52 counties state-wide, including NYC and three Regional Support Centers (RSCs)



NYSDOH CYSHCN Program

- Administered by the Bureau of Child Health in the Division of Family Health
- Contract with 52 counties/local health departments (LHDs) statewide including NYC
 - Information and referrals for CYSHCN and families
 - Help navigate and access complex networks of medical, developmental and social-emotional care in NYS
- Contract with University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (aka. RSCs)



LHD CYSHCN Staffing

A dedicated staff person (funded or unfunded) at each county is responsible for meeting program deliverables. This required staff person is the point person who is accessible to NYSDOH, parents, medical providers, service providers, school district staff, child care providers, social service providers, and community members for CYSHCN.

- Smaller counties (40) = require a 0.5 FTE
- Larger counties (11) = require a 1.0 FTE
- New York City DOHMH = requires 2 FTEs

LHD CYSHCN Activities

- Collaboration and Resource Development
- Outreach, Engagement, and Community Promotion
- Coordination of Community Resources
- Transition Services
- Family Satisfaction
- Health Equity
- Database



CYSHCN 2020-2021

Total # of CYSHCN in the Program = 982

Total # of CYSHCN referred from EI = 331



Why refer to the CYSHCN Program?



CYSHCN Support Services

CYSHCN SS

Treatment

- Children ages 0-21 who live in NYS who have a physically disabling condition or severe chronic illness deemed eligible by the county that the child lives in
- Meet medical and financial eligibility criteria in their county of residence
- 50/50 LHD match
- 25 LHDs participate



Diagnostic & Evaluation

- Children ages 0-21 who live in NYS who have a physically disabling condition or severe chronic illness
- Reimburse specialty providers for the diagnosis & development of a treatment plan for eligible children
- 100% paid by federal funding, not LHD

Regional Support Centers (RSC)

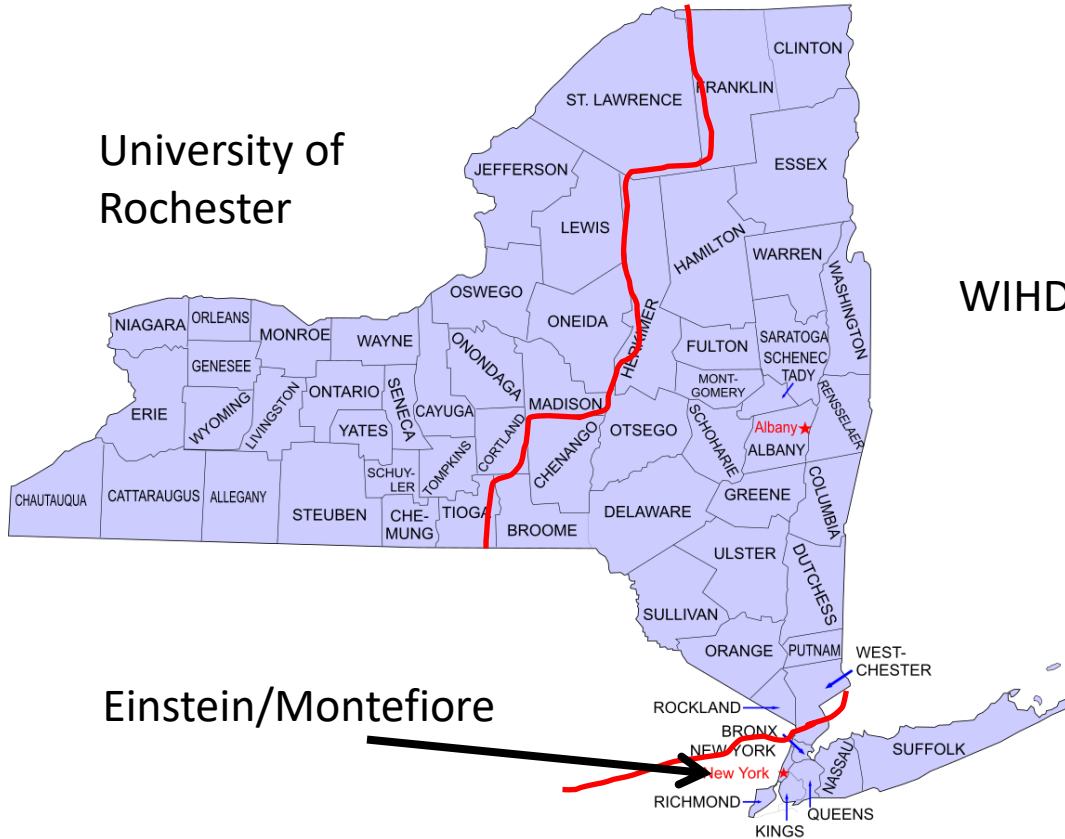
Regional Support Center (RSC) Activities

- Provide technical assistance to LHDs to improve systems, supports, and outcomes
- Increase LHD knowledge of resources for CYSHCN
- Develop and maintain an online Resource Directory
- Enhance parents' skills and confidence to navigate systems of care
- Engage communities and provide social support
- Provide a continuous family feedback loop

RSCs-Distribution by UCEDD

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