



CSNN SERVICES

The Children's Special Needs Network (CSNN) is a non-profit organization that serves families with children with special needs and chronic illnesses. CSNN serves children age **birth through 21** in 30 counties across Central Texas. A list of these counties can be found at www.special-children.org or by calling the CSNN office at 254-933-7597.

Center Based Respite

Once each month, families may bring all of their children to our center based respite care. While Mom and Dad run errands or get some much needed alone time, children enjoy an afternoon of fun and activities. Center based respite is for children with special needs or chronic illnesses and their siblings only.

You must contact the respite center to RSVP and ensure a spot for your children. Information on the respite centers is below:

Austin

Sammy's House: Isabel Huerta
2415 Twin Oaks Dr.
512-453-5258
sammyhousedirector@yahoo.com

Killeen

Education Connection: Christi Price
1020 Trimmier Rd.
254-526-9299
killeenrespite@special-children.org

Temple

Central Texas Children's Center: Jennie Schneider
2000 Marlandwood Rd.
254-778-6785
templerespite@special-children.org

Waco

Living Word Christian Academy & Daycare: Louise Gillum
1005 Dunbar St.
254-799-3796
Livingword2005@sbcglobal.net

Diaper Closet

CSNN has diapers available for children with special needs or chronic illnesses. Diapers will be available by appointment on the last week of the month, Monday through Thursday only. You must call the CSNN office (254-933-7597) before the last Monday of the month to book an appointment with the services coordinator. Families will be allotted a total of 60 diapers each month to be obtained during your appointment.

Required Documentation:

- Client Information Form
- Confirmation of Diagnosis

Weighted Equipment

CSNN has weighted vests, blankets, and other supplies available to check out for up to 2 weeks at a time. Please call the CSNN office (254-933-7597) to check availability as well as to schedule a pick up time.

Required Documentation:

- Client Information Form
- Confirmation of Diagnosis

In-Home Respite Assistance

CSNN may be able to help you take an occasional break from the daily challenges that come with having a child with special needs. Families may choose a family member or friend that lives outside of the home to stay with your child(ren) for the respite period. In-home respite funding is for parents to take an occasional break and is not for regular child care.

Required Documentation:

- Client Information Form
- Request for Support Form
- Confirmation of Diagnosis
- CSNN In-home Respite Voucher

In-Home Respite Policies:

- CSNN will reimburse the parent, not the caregiver.
- CSNN can reimburse up to \$10.00 per hour for the first child and up to \$1.00 per hour for each additional child.
- The caregiver may not reside in your residence.
- The parent is responsible for any tax obligations to the caregiver.
- The location where the in-home respite occurs must be within one of the 30 counties that CSNN serves.
- If the child has Medicaid insurance, documentation must be provided stating whether or not the Medicaid policy provides respite benefits, and if so, whether or not those benefits have been exhausted.
- The respite must have occurred within the current CSNN financial year (September 1 – August 31)
- No reimbursement is guaranteed prior to Allocations Committee approval.
- All requests are due by July 28, 2018.

Resource Assistance

CSNN may be able to offer financial assistance in the areas of equipment, supplies to facilitate daily living, and medical costs not covered by other funding sources (including doctor visits, therapies, and medication cost). These costs cannot include food, transportation or clothing. Families that purchase resources to find out information on their child's diagnosis can also apply for reimbursement (books and other resources). The CSNN also has a computer available for families to find information about your child's special needs and services. ***Please note that funding is not guaranteed.***

Required Documentation:

- CSNN Client Information Form
- Request for Support Form
- Confirmation of Diagnosis
- Recommendation for requested item or services from an appropriate medical professional
- All invoices or receipts
- Insurance information such as explanation of benefits or insurance denial

Resource Assistance Policies:

- CSNN's Allocations Committee reviews requests once per month. It may take up to 60 days for a determination to be made regarding your request.
- **Requests are due on the 15th of each month in order to be reviewed at that month's Allocations Committee meeting.**
- Funding is awarded on a case by case basis depending on available funding and requests made that month. ***Please note that funding is not guaranteed.***
- CSNN's financial year runs from September 1 – August 31. All requests for funding must include documentation dated between those dates.
- All requests are due by July 28, 2017.

Camp Scholarships

CSNN may be able to help children with special needs with camp scholarships. CSNN can provide you a list of camps as well as information for scholarships. The camp must occur within CSNN's current financial year (September 1 – August 31)

Required Documentation:

- Client Information Form
- Request for Support Form
- Confirmation of Diagnosis
- Invoice or receipt outlining cost of camp registration

Loan Closet

CSNN has a loan closet with medical equipment our families may borrow. Donations of equipment that your child no longer requires are accepted. If you are interested in borrowing or donating equipment, contact the CSNN office at 254-933-7597.

Recreational and Social Experiences

CSNN offers events for children with special needs and their families including the annual InKidAble Conference, InKidAble Play Day, sensory friendly movies, and more. These events offer fun activities for children and learning opportunities for parents. For more information about upcoming events, visit www.special-children.org.

Activities to Your Door

CSNN offers a program specifically aimed at reaching special needs children that are more medically fragile or home bound and cannot take part in other activities that we offer (such as bowling events and sensory friendly movies). These children create a list of 10 recreational items (e.g. board games, sensory toys, books, movies) that do not exceed more than \$30 a piece that the child could benefit from by having in the home. The CSNN then contacts different organizations in the community to sponsor the child. These organizations sponsor the child by donating 5-10 items on the child's wish list.

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