



## SPECIAL KIDS' CORNER

### News & Updates From Ottawa County CSHCS

September 2022

From the Desk of Leslie Ver Duin, BSN RN  
 CSHCS Coordinator & Child-Health Team Supervisor

Dear CSHCS Families,

With back-to-school on the minds of many of our CSHCS families, we've collected some great resources for you. One is an important message from Debbie Whitford, the Ottawa County parent mentor from Michigan Alliance for Families (MAF), which appears on page seven. You'll find links to many valuable education resources—including MDE-Low Incidence Outreach—and great webinars too.

Speaking of webinars, we can't wait for you to see our fabulous fall Empowered Parents webinars (see pages five and six). Come learn from some amazing speakers about the issues important to the special needs community and the resources available to support your family. Register today by emailing our amazing parent liaison, Amy Fontaine at: [afontaine@miottawa.org](mailto:afontaine@miottawa.org) or by texting/calling her at: 616-402-2275 to join the conversation!

We are excited to announce that our skilled and caring hearing and vision teams are back in the schools this year, helping to ensure children can hear and see, and therefore learn their best. Regular and thorough screenings can prevent lost learning time in school, help avoid behavioral problems associated with decreased hearing or vision, and lets teachers and parents know when a child may need some medical intervention to help them see or hear optimally.

Per the public health code:

**Hearing screenings happen in:** Kindergarten, 2nd & 4th grades  
**Vision screenings happen in:** 1st, 3rd, 5th, & 7th grades & 9th (when starting to drive!)

Call the Ottawa County Department of Public Health at: 616 396-5266, or visit [www.miOttawa.org/miHealth](http://www.miOttawa.org/miHealth) for more information about our children's health care services, including childhood immunizations. As always, please contact a CSHCS team member when you need us. Our contact information is listed on the next page. We look forward to working with you!

In health and hope,

*Leslie Ver Duin* 

# Ottawa County CSHCS Contact Information

**Brenda Kemp, Representative** 616 393-4445 [bkempf@miottawa.org](mailto:bkempf@miottawa.org)

## Contact Brenda for help with:

- Enrollment & renewal |
- Billing & insurance issues
- Adding providers
- Adding diagnoses
- Travel & lodging requests
- Changes in income
- Financial concerns
- Changes in insurance, name, address, phone, or email address

## Contact Your CSHCS Nurse for help with:

- Plans of Care & Case management
- Medical questions
- Questions about CSHCS coverage
- Adding a new diagnosis or specialist

### **Samantha Leffman BSN, RN**

616-393-4442

[sleffman@miottawa.org](mailto:sleffman@miottawa.org)

### **Robin Twiest BSN, RN**

616-393-4416

[rtwiest@miottawa.org](mailto:rtwiest@miottawa.org)

### **Aimee Dekker BSN, RN**

616 393-4440

[adekker@miottawa.org](mailto:adekker@miottawa.org)

### **Nurse for CSHCS families in:**

- Byron Center
- Allendale
- Grandville
- Hudsonville
- Jenison
- West Olive
- Wyoming
- Zip code 49534 & Grand Rapids zip codes in Ottawa County

### **Nurse for CSHCS families in:**

- Grand Haven
- Spring Lake
- Fruitport
- Nunica
- Mame
- Conklin
- Casnovia
- Ravenna
- Coopersville
- Holland zip code 49424

### **Nurse for CSHCS families**

- Zeeland
- Macatawa
- Holland zip codes 49422 & 49423

### **Irene Atwood, Program Clerk**

616 393-4439

[iatwood@miottawa.org](mailto:iatwood@miottawa.org)

### **Contact Irene for:**

- Annual CSHCS Information Update via secure email
- Changes in name, insurance, phone, home or email address

### **Amy Fontaine, Parent Consultant**

616 402-2275

[afontaine@miottawa.org](mailto:afontaine@miottawa.org)

### **Contact Amy for:**

- Special Families' Corner Facebook Grp
- Newsletters & Community Resources
- CSHCS Webinars & Outreach

### **Leslie Ver Duin BSN, RN**

#### **CSHCS Coordinator**

616 393-4444

[lverduin@miottawa.org](mailto:lverduin@miottawa.org)

### **Contact Leslie for:**

- Extra assistance for complex needs
- Questions other team members have been unable to answer

### **Sandra Lake BSN, RN, MPH**

#### **OCDPH Community Health Manager**

616 393-5753

[slake@miottawa.org](mailto:slake@miottawa.org)

**CSHCS Program Fax:** 616 393-4435

## **CSHCS Websites:**

Ottawa County: [www.miottawa.org/cshcs](http://www.miottawa.org/cshcs)

State of MI: [Children's Special Health Care Services \(michigan.gov\)](http://Children's Special Health Care Services (michigan.gov))

Payments: <https://www.thepayplace.com/mi/dch/cshcs>



## **Avoid Identity Theft**—CSHCS will never ask you for your bank account information

In an ongoing effort to help you avoid identity theft, please be alerted that Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) will never ask for your bank account information, checking account routing numbers or any such banking information.

If you are ever asked for that by someone saying they represent CSHCS, do not share your information and notify CSHCS or your local health department immediately.

## **You have received a “secure message” email from Irene Atwood”—what is this?**

CSHCS takes your privacy seriously! Once a year, to verify your confidential information, we'll send you a secure email message from Irene Atwood, our program clerk for Ottawa County CSHCS.

### **Follow these steps for opening your secure message:**

1. Click on the secure message in your email, and If prompted, click on the “looks safe” button in the banner.
2. Click or hover over the secure message attachment and click the download button, then click on the html attachment to open it.
3. If this is your first time opening a secure message from CSHCS, you'll need to create a password protected account with Cisco Secure Email Encryption Service following these steps:

First you'll see a pop-up box “Secure Email Encryption Service”. Verify that your email address appears in the “To” and click “Register”.

Then fill out the New User Registration form to create a password protected account with Cisco Secure Email Encryption Service. After filling out the form, check the agree box and hit Register.

To activate your new Cisco account, go to your email for a new message from Cisco—[donotreply@res.cisco.org](mailto:donotreply@res.cisco.org). Verify your email to activate your new Cisco account.

4. Return to your browser where you downloaded the secure message in step 2. **Click the Continue button** in the “Secure Email Encryption Service” pop-up box.
5. Enter your new Cisco password and click on “Open Online”.
6. Review the information CSHCS has for you\*.

**\*If your primary insurance has changed, CALL Irene Atwood, CSHCS Program Clerk, 616-393-4439. Sending insurance information via email may not keep your information safe and secure.**

**Note:** MiHealth and Medicaid Health Plans (MHP) changes do not need to be reported—they're updated automatically in our system.

## News & Updates (continued)

### New Special Needs Car Seat Clinic Trinity Health

Traveling with a child who has disabilities or behavioral challenges can be daunting. Finding just the right car seat—which can be difficult for a child with positional challenges—just got easier for West Michigan families, thanks to the new **Trinity Health Special Needs Car Seat Clinic in Muskegon**.

Therapists and certified child passenger safety technicians assess current positioning needs—including a physical exam and complete medical history—and conduct fit tests to determine which car seat best meets a child’s needs. They work with durable equipment vendors on insurance approval and ordering of specialty car seats, and train families on how to install and use their new car seats properly.

A specialist’s referral and an insurance authorization are required. Call to learn more or to schedule an appointment!

**Trinity Health Rehab  
Muskegon Campus**

1400 Mercy Drive  
Suite 50  
Muskegon, MI 49444

To schedule an appointment,  
please call 231-672-6940.

[TrinityHealthMichigan.org](http://TrinityHealthMichigan.org)

**Renew  Mobility**

**Now open in Muskegon  
& accepting your gently  
used equipment!**

Renew Mobility (formerly Alternatives in Motion) has a new name and a new Muskegon location to better serve families.

Renew Mobility’s Grand Rapids and Muskegon locations, provide mobility equipment to those who are uninsured, or whose insurance doesn’t fully cover their mobility needs. Examples of this **FREE** equipment are: wheelchairs—including power wheelchairs and their batteries—knee and other walkers, bath aids, and more!

Renew Mobility serves individuals in: Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newago, and Ottawa counties.

**To learn more or to apply, go to the Renew website:**

[Home - Renew Mobility \(aimgr.org\)](http://aimgr.org)

### 988 National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Free, confidential emotional support is now available to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, anywhere in the United States. Anyone in crisis, or with a loved one in crisis, can **call 988 for help**.



The Lifeline is a national network of over 200 crisis centers providing individualized local care and resources, with national standards and best practices.

Options are available for Spanish-speakers. Those who are deaf or hard of hearing, can use their preferred relay service, or dial 711 and then 988.

Open to parents, caregivers, and professionals  
**FREE!** Registration required, see details on the next page



## OAISD Early Childhood Education Home Visiting Programs:

### *Parents As Teachers & Early On Programs*

A recording of this webinar—which took place earlier this week—and the notes are available upon request by emailing: [afontaine@miottawa.org](mailto:afontaine@miottawa.org).

Grab your lunch and join the Ottawa Area ISD team on Zoom to learn all about home visiting options within the community, and how your family can start the engaging with home visiting.

We'll talk about the Parents As Teachers and Early On programs, and discuss how to engage with a home visiting program. You'll discover what to expect in home visiting, and get answers to any questions you may have!

**To registration:** Send your name, email, and the session you'd like to attend to: [afontaine@miottawa.org](mailto:afontaine@miottawa.org) or call/text: 616 402-2275

## The Ottawa County CSHCS Team Presents: **Unseen: A caregiver documentary**

Online Film Screening & Panel Discussion  
**FREE!** Registration required!



**Wed. September 14, 2022**  
**Noon to 1:30pm or 6:30 to 8:00pm**

“Unseen: How We Are Failing Parent Caregivers & Why it Matters” takes a raw, honest look at the hidden life of parent caregivers. If caregivers are ever going to get the support and resources they deserve, they first have to be seen and heard. This award winning documentary puts faces and stories to this issue to enable change for the caregivers in our community.

Following the FREE online screening of this important documentary, local parents Jess and Ryan Ronne, who are featured in the film with their son Luke, will join our panel discussion along with several parent caregivers.

We hope you'll join us for this moving and enlightening opportunity!

**Spaces are limited, so register today by sending your name, email and choice of screening time to:**

[afontaine@miottawa.org](mailto:afontaine@miottawa.org) or call/text: 616 402-2275.

## Fall Webinars (continued)



### OAISD Early Childhood Education Ottawa County Preschool Programs:

*Head Start & Great Start Readiness Programs*

**Fri. September 23, 2022 — Noon to 1:00 pm**

Grab your lunch and join the Ottawa Area ISD Early Childhood Services team on Zoom to learn about the wonderful preschool options in our community!

We will discuss what preschool options are available in our area for your child, what to expect in preschool, and how to apply for preschool!

**To register:** Send your name, email address, and the session you are signing up for to:

[afontaine@miottawa.org](mailto:afontaine@miottawa.org) or call/text: 616 402-2275



### MDHHS Adult Services:

*Home Help Program, MICAP, and more!*

**Wed. September 28, 2022 — Noon to 1:00pm**

Grab your lunch and join us on Zoom as Melissa Dyke, Adult Services Specialist, and Lorena Frederick, the Adult Services Supervisor for Ottawa, Allegan, and Barry Counties, give an overview of MDHHS Adult Services.

Our primary focus will be on the Home Help Program. Learn about the Home Help program, the goals of the program and how it works. Find out who is eligible, and how to enroll. Discover what Activity of Daily Living (ADL) services are available and what is not covered. Discover who can be a Home Help service provider, how providers are enrolled and hired, and more!

**To register:** Send your name, email, and the session you'd like to attend to: [afontaine@miottawa.org](mailto:afontaine@miottawa.org) or call/text: 616 402-2275

**Note:** If you're unable to attend our CSHCS webinars virtually due to technology or child care issues, please contact Amy Fontaine, our parent consultant, at the email or phone above to discuss support options such as child-care reimbursement or an alternative viewing location.

Ottawa County Empowered Parents Webinars are made possible through a generous grant from the Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs, the parent-directed section of CSHCS. Contact the Family Center by calling the Family Phone Line: 800-359-3722 or by emailing [cshcsfc@michigan.gov](mailto:cshcsfc@michigan.gov).





### **A message from Debbie Whitford, Michigan Alliance for Families Parent Mentor**

Hello Ottawa County CSHCS Families,

I am Debbie Whitford, your Michigan Alliance for Families parent mentor in Ottawa County and beyond! As a parent of a child with a disability, our special education experiences inspired me to want to support other families and share the wonderful resources and information that are available (at no cost) through Michigan's Parent Training and Information Center, known as Michigan Alliance for Families. I've been helping families as a parent mentor for going on eight years.

Our goal at Michigan Alliance for Families is to educate and offer resources to families of children and youth with disabilities, mental health challenges, and those who've experienced trauma, to ensure that their babies, toddlers and children receive needed educational and developmental interventions. While not all children will require special education services, it is important that families know that there are resources available to help if needed.

Our website, [michiganallianceforfamilies.org](http://michiganallianceforfamilies.org), is a wealth of information and resources—including many on-demand videos and live webinar events—to help you gather disability specific knowledge, and for learning about special education services, such as: Evaluation and Eligibility for Special Education; Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs), Transition to Adulthood, and more. Many of these resources are available in Spanish and Arabic too.

Often, parents of children with disabilities don't know where to....BEGIN. Whether you have a baby with developmental delays, a child newly diagnosed with a disability, a youth struggling in school, or a young adult learning to exercise self-determination, all that matters is that you...BEGIN. By seeking information and resources to help you on your journey, you'll build knowledge and confidence that will empower you to meet challenges and inspire success for your child.

As your Michigan Alliance for Families parent mentor for Ottawa County—and Barry, Kent, Ionia and Montcalm counties too—you can reach me directly by calling: **616 987-0583** or by emailing me at: [debbier@michiganallianceforfamilies.org](mailto:debbier@michiganallianceforfamilies.org).

My fellow parent mentors across the state and I are ready to help. Any parent can call this number: **1 800-552-4821** to be geo-routed to the Michigan Alliance for Families parent mentor in their area. Let's make this an awesome start to the school year!

Debbie Whitford

# Education Resources

## Michigan Alliance for Families (MAF) 2022 Webinars

Full MAF Calendar: [www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/upcoming-events/](http://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/upcoming-events/)

### IEP Course

a five week course for parents whose children receive special education services.

Tuesdays, starting  
September 27, 2022

via Zoom  
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Participants are asked to commit to attending all 5 classes.



Learn to improve the quality of your contributions to your child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) and increase your effectiveness to address concerns using the IEP process.

This IEP Course includes a weekly follow-up call/email with a Parent Mentor to assist with applying the class information to your child's IEP.

- **September 27<sup>th</sup>** Special Education Laws, Rules, and Educational Needs
- **October 4<sup>th</sup>** Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP)
- **October 11<sup>th</sup>** Goals and Objectives, and Progress Monitoring
- **October 18<sup>th</sup>** Supplementary Aids and Services, and Special Education Services and Programs
- **October 25<sup>th</sup>** Rights, Responsibilities, and Resolving Disagreements

**Who should attend?** Parents/caregivers of a child or young adult with an IEP. [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Registration closes September 15, 2022 or when class is full. After registration closes, a Parent Mentor will contact you to confirm your participation.

Questions? [info@michiganallianceforfamilies.org](mailto:info@michiganallianceforfamilies.org)



**Family Matters** is an outreach effort from the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Special Education. Family Matters provides parents and families with information about special education and other resources.

**Family Matters Fact Sheets** [Family Matters \(michigan.gov\)](http://michigan.gov)

Family Matters fact sheets explain special education laws, rules, and practices. The documents are easy to read and give links to more in-depth resources.

**Family Matters website:** <http://michigan.gov/specialeducation-familymatters>



### New Guidance from the MI Department of Education:

[Michigan Dyslexia Handbook: A Guide to Accelerating Learner Outcomes in Literacy](#)


[FAPE for Adult Learners \(michigan.gov\)](#) Bulletin 8/14/2022

[Special Education \(michigan.gov\)](#)



If you need a little motivation today, call:

**707-998-8401**

It's a school project where kindergarteners  
give you a pep talk! 



## Michigan Department of Education Low Incidence Outreach

Serving students who are Blind/Visually Impaired and/or Deaf/Hard of Hearing

[Home Page](#) | [MDE-LIO \(mdelio.org\)](#)



### 'LIVE with LIO' Monthly Webinars

These MDE-LIO webinars will cover important topics of interest to those involved in the Blind/Visually Impaired (BVI) or Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH) fields. Find a complete schedule of the monthly BVI webinars and monthly DHH webinars, and register for these **Free** events here:

[2022-2023 LIVE with LIO Webinar Schedule](#) | [MDE-LIO \(mdelio.org\)](#)

### Virtual evening for students who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing!

Students will meet peers from across the state. Learn more and sign up here:

**Let's Get Together** October 25, 2022 from 7:00—8:00pm

For students in first through fifth grades: [bit.ly/OctGetTogether](https://bit.ly/OctGetTogether)

**DHH Student Hangout** October 25, 2022 from 8:00--9:00pm

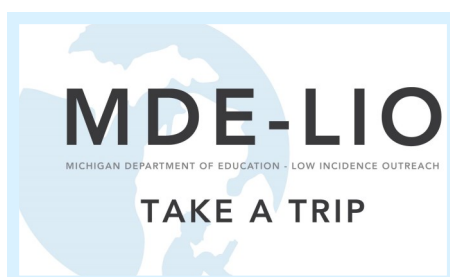
For middle & high-school students: [bit.ly/OctHangoutDHH](https://bit.ly/OctHangoutDHH)

### Free Assistive Technology Workshops with HumanWare

For school personnel and adult family members supporting students in Michigan who are Blind/Visually Impaired. Learn more and sign up here:

**BrailleNote Touch Plus** October 25, 2022: [bit.ly/BrailleNoteLIO](https://bit.ly/BrailleNoteLIO)

**Brailliant BI 40X** October 26, 2022: [bit.ly/BrailliantLIO](https://bit.ly/BrailliantLIO)



### Is your student traveling this school year?

In this new MDE-LIO video, Orientation & Mobility Specialists Amanda English and Maggie Winn share some travel tips for students who are Blind/Visually Impaired. Visit the MDE-LIO Video Library to access the video: <https://mdelio.org/video-library>

### Learn ASL In-Person or Online with Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services



Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services offers a variety of classes to help you learn American Sign Language (ASL)—choose from beginner to advanced, to conversational. Individual ASL tutoring is also offered, dependent on instructor availability.

Classes are held one night per week for eight-weeks, virtually or in-person in Holland, Grand Haven, Big Rapids, and Grand Rapids. For complete details, visit: [ASL Classes \(deafhhs.org\)](https://deafhhs.org)

**Just Announced: Virtual ASL 1** 8-week class Mondays from 6—8pm Beginning Monday October 10th. [Register here.](#)

**Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services**

## FAMILY FUN AT THE ZOO

Free admissions tickets for Binder Park Zoo are available to **Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing** individuals and their families, courtesy of Binder Park Zoo's Ticket to Adventure Program!

Tickets valid for entry to zoo during regular zoo hours and must be used before 10/31/2022. Limited number of tickets available!

Contact [community@deafhhs.org](mailto:community@deafhhs.org) for information on how to collect tree tickets!

**BINDER ZOO**



## Parent-to-Parent Support Network

From the Family Center for Children and Youth  
with Special Health Care Needs



As a special needs parent, have you ever thought how nice it would be to talk with someone who has walked in your shoes?

Parents facing a new or difficult diagnosis for their child must often learn a whole new language, absorb important information, and discover what resources are available to support their family. That's where the Family Center's Parent-to-Parent Support Network can help.

By contacting the Family Center at 800-359-3722 you can be asked to be "matched" with a trained parent mentor who has a child with a similar diagnosis or life experience for one-on-one support, guidance, and help finding resources.

Or, if you are an experienced special needs parent and would like to help other parents as a part of the Family Center's Parent-to-Parent Support Network, please consider attending one of the FREE virtual parent mentor trainings below.

## Family Center Parent Trainings

Become a Trained Parent Mentor for  
the Parent-to-Parent Support Network



Parents, caregivers, and guardians wouldn't you like to make a difference in the lives of others raising a child or youth with special health care?

Trained parent mentors are a vital part of the Family Center's statewide network of volunteer parents supporting one another, sharing resources, and helping to navigate various systems.

Spanish-speaking parent mentors are encouraged to join us as we strive to support all special needs families!

**\*A \$50 gift card and other gifts will be provided upon training completion!**

Contact Dawn Adkins with questions: [adkinsd@michigan.gov](mailto:adkinsd@michigan.gov) or contact The Family Center: 1-800-359-3722.

### Parent Mentor Training Free virtual training on Microsoft Teams



#### Three-morning option:

Tues, Wed & Thurs September 13, 14 & 15th 9am to noon  
Register [here](#)

#### One full-day option

Sat September 24th 9am to 3:30pm  
Register [here](#)

### Parent Mentor Training for parents who have a child with Down Syndrome



Free 3-morning virtual training on Microsoft Teams

Tues, Wed & Thurs Oct 18, 19 & 20th 9am to noon  
Register [here](#)

### Bereavement Parent Mentor Training

Free one-day virtual training on Microsoft Teams



Saturday September 10th 9am to 3:30pm

*This special training is for any parent who has lost a special needs child at least 13 months ago, who desires to help another parent who is looking for support in their journey with grief following their loss of a special needs child*

Register [here](#)

# Ottawa County

## SIBSHOPS



### Did you know?

Sisters and brothers will likely have the longest-lasting relationship with a sibling who has special needs or disabilities. During their lives, they will experience the unique joys and concerns their parents do, yet few will have the chance to talk about their experiences with other siblings who "get it".

Brothers and sisters of children with special needs, disabilities and chronic illness have a group that's just for them, Sibshops. Sibshops are peer support groups that offer a safe and engaging space for siblings to learn, have fun, meet and be supported by other children who understand what it's like to have a sibling with special needs.

Interested in having your child(ren) participate in Sibshops?  
Contact Andréa to sign up for our fall groups

Sibshops are held monthly for children/youth 6-13 years of age

Contact Andréa Vugteveen for more information or to sign up for a group  
amvugteveen@gmail.com  
616-460-3781

Sessions are held at Engage Therapy Center  
10263 Chicago Dr  
Zeeland, MI 49464

Sibshops participant fee is \$10 per child  
Scholarships are available

Like and follow us on Facebook @ Ottawa County Sibshops

Children will have the opportunity to

Meet other children who understand the unique experience of having a sibling with special needs

Share their experiences and feelings about having a brother or sister with special needs

Learn more about their sibling's special needs

Learn new ways to cope with the challenges that come with being a sibling of a child with special needs

...and have lots of fun

### Fall Dates

September 17  
October 15  
November 12

Sibshops will be held from 9:00-10:30am



## MICHIGAN SUPPORTING AND INCLUDING BROTHERS & SISTERS (MISIBS)

Organized through the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute, MISIBS is a welcoming network of adult siblings from around the state who have a brother or sister with a disability.

MISIBS helps connect siblings to information, supports, and resources to empower siblings in advocacy and improving sibling connections.

To learn more about MISIBS and their events, follow them on social media and view their website here: [About | MI SIBS](#)



**Sibling Support Project**—Started by the founder of Sibshops, Don Meyer, the Sibling Support Project is dedicated entirely to recognizing and promoting the important roles that siblings play in their families and communities, and to creating opportunities for brothers and sisters of all ages to receive the information and resources they need to support their families and themselves.

Check out their website for some fabulous sibling resources: [Sibling Support Project](#).



# Navigating Healthcare Training for Parents of Children with Epilepsy

September 21st and 22nd, 2022  
9:30 am - 12:30 pm on both days

This interactive medical advocacy training was created to provide parents with information, tools, and resources to better navigate the healthcare system for their child with epilepsy (seizure disorder).

Topics include:

- Navigating a new diagnosis
- Where to find reliable information and resources
- How to prepare for a successful healthcare visit
- Improving communication and building partnerships with healthcare providers
- Becoming a good advocate
- Helping your child be active in their own care
- Self-care and peer support

Free to attend, registration required. To register, please call Kristen Reese at (517) 324-7396.

Brought to you by the Pediatric Epilepsy Project\* in partnership with Michigan Family to Family Health Information Center\*\* and the Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs.

\*The Pediatric Epilepsy Project is funded under HRSA Grant # H98MC26257  
\*\*MI Family to Family Health Information Center is funded under HRSA Grant # H84MC26214

## AN INTERACTIVE VIRTUAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Training will be held via Zoom

Criteria to attend:

- Must be a Michigan parent (bio, adoptive, foster, step, kinship, etc.) of a child birth to 18 with a epilepsy diagnosis (or seizure disorder)
- Must attend both days
- A computer or tablet with internet connection (with camera preferred, but not required)
- If both days are completed, receive a \$100 VISA gift card

For questions contact Kristen Reese at (517) 324-7396 or [kreese@mphi.org](mailto:kreese@mphi.org)



children's healing center

invites you to attend

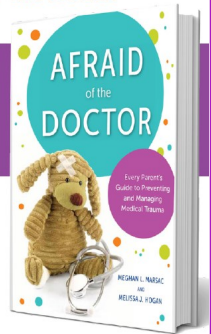
# MANAGING MEDICAL TRAUMA IN YOUTH

A seminar presented by Dr. Marsac, author of *Afraid of the Doctor*

Thursday, October 6 | 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Prince Conference Center at Calvin University

Event Supported by  
**Children's Foundation**

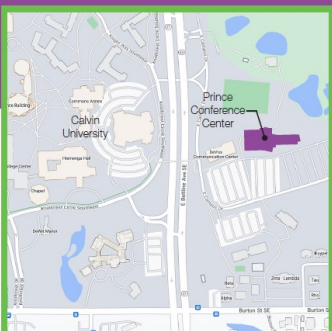


## Resource for Parents, Caregivers and Healthcare Professionals

Join us for a discussion with Dr. Marsac, author of **Afraid of the Doctor: Every Parent's Guide to Preventing and Managing Medical Trauma**, on how to navigate medical trauma in youth. Dr. Marsac will offer strategies and tools to support children through medical challenges on a day-to-day basis.



RSVP to reserve your spot by September 23  
[ksankovic@childrenshealingcenter.org](mailto:ksankovic@childrenshealingcenter.org)  
or (616) 426-8366



Prince Conference Center  
1800 E. Beltline Ave SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546



# Coming Events:

Family Hope Foundation Presents:

## Sensory Showtimes at Participating\* Celebration Cinemas



See 2D movies with open-caption, brighter lights, lower sound, & limited previews, with guests and staff who understand your family's needs!

### Movie Line-up 11am Showtimes

9/10– Spider-Man: No Way Home – The More Fun Stuff Version

10/7 – Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

10/14 – White Bird: A Wonder Story

11/11 – Black Panther: Wakanda Forever

11/23 – Strange World

12/12 – Shazam 2: Fury of the Gods

12/21 – Puss in Boots: The Last Wish

\$2.00 off tickets Friends of  
Family Hope Foundation

Payment Voucher:



7400 1300 0000 0102 3381

Expires 12/31/2023

**\*Note:** Limited Theaters are participating at this time, but Sensory Showtimes will be expanding to more theaters this fall! Check Family Hope Foundation's website for participating theater updates:

HOLLAND  
MOMENTUM CENTER FOR SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

# FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Thursday  
Sept. 22 4-7:30pm

**FREE**  
Resource Fair  
Food Truck  
Bounce House  
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Face Painting  
Live Music

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# Seussical JR.

Book by Lynn Ahrens  
and Stephen Flaherty  
Music by Stephen Flaherty  
Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens  
Conceived by Lynn Ahrens,  
Stephen Flaherty and Eric Idle  
Based on the works of Dr. Seuss  
Music Supervised, Adapted and Produced by  
Bryan Louiselle

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