

Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Overview

The [DSHS](#) offers 2 programs specifically for families of children with disabilities or special health care needs. The DSHS also oversees other programs, including [disease prevention](#), [Emergency Medical Services \(EMS\) certification](#), [health care professional licensing](#), and [birth certificates](#).

Key Services for Students with Disabilities

[Mental Health Services](#) are provided by 37 local mental health authorities across the state. These include:

- [Crisis Services](#)
- [Adult Mental Health](#)
- [Children's Mental Health](#)
- [Adult Substance Abuse](#)
- [Youth Substance Abuse](#)

[Children with Special Health Care Needs \(CSHCN\) Services](#) helps children under the age of 21 with special health care needs. The child must have a medical problem that has physical symptoms (this means the program does not cover clients with solely a mental, behavioral, or emotional condition or a delay in development).

Resources

[Mental Health and Substance Use Resources](#)

[Transition to Adult Medical Care Resources from Navigate Life Texas](#)