

Nursing Care of Children with Special Health Needs in the Community

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cerebral palsy

This unit is intended to provide the PHN with basic information about cerebral palsy, the diagnostic process, the common effects that a diagnosis of CP can have on a child and his or her family, and the appropriate role for the PHN in caring for the child before and after diagnosis. It is organized to allow the PHN to easily access key information and child developmental issues (birth through adolescence) while providing additional resources for further exploration of topics, if desired. **Guidelines for care coordination** are presented in age-specific areas and a list of resources for further information is provided at the end of the module.

congenital heart disease

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cleft lip & palate

This unit is intended to provide the PHN with basic information about working with families, community clinicians and specialty providers to assure that children with cleft lip/and or palate (or other cranio-facial anomalies) thrive in their environment. Awareness of the potential health, developmental, psychological, and educational impact on the child and other family members will assist the public health nurse to intervene early and appropriately to minimize long term detrimental sequelae. **Guidelines for care coordination** will also assure quality care by providing support and education for family members. This will enable them to be an integral part in decision making as well as caring for their child.