



CCN

Community Connections Network

An Overview

Community Connections Network is a resource for children and youth with complex health needs and their families. CCN uses a multidisciplinary team approach to care coordination. It provides a forum for local health, social, and educational services to come together.

The CCN team meets to assess the needs of referred children and their families. With parents as full partners, the team shares knowledge and ideas and makes a plan to address those needs. The result is comprehensive and coordinated services for children and their families.

The CCN team can make referrals to specialty care, connect families with local resources and services, and offer follow-up support. CCN helps ensure continuity between health care, education, and social services.

**For more information, contact your
CCN Local Coordinator:**

Referring to CCN: You can refer any child or youth that has unresolved health needs, or who is not making progress as expected. CCN teams typically meet once a month. Issues may include:

- Medical conditions
- Developmental issues
- Social/emotional and behavioral health
- Need for care coordination
- Need for community services
- Adolescent Transition*

A visit with the CCN team is free to families. There are no income restrictions or insurance requirements. Anyone can refer a child or youth up to age 21.

* CCN helps youth with special health care needs and their families plan for the transition to adulthood. They address adult health care, community services, vocational support, and independent living.

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In addition to the child or youth and their family members, the CCN team may include:

- CCN team physician
- Child's primary care provider
- Public health nurse
- Teachers, evaluation specialists, school counselors
- Speech-language pathologist
- Occupational therapist
- Physical therapist
- Mental health provider
- Social service providers
- Family Liaison (a local parent skilled in identifying resources and supporting the family perspective)
- Other significant adults involved in the child's life

A Physician's Perspective

"Our small community has a huge number of caring, knowledgeable individuals who are willing to come to the table to problem-solve. We have found that by working together, we can often come up with creative solutions for children and families using our local resources. And although none of us has all the answers, together we have more answers." – Donna Rabin, M.D., Coos Bay, Oregon



How CCN Impacts the Local System of Care:

- Enhanced communication across agencies
- Improvements to existing practices
- Maximization of community resources
- Increased awareness of issues for children and families
- Increased knowledge about specific conditions
- New community partnerships