Supporting Professionals and Families in Providing a Medical Home for Children with Special Health Care Needs

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The Medical Home Portal – What is it?

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Our efforts began in Utah with a 1998 survey of American Academy of Pediatrics Chapter members that asked:

“What would you need to provide better care for children with complex/chronic conditions?”
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The top three answers, by far, were:

- Best-practice guidelines for their care
- Knowledge of local services and resources
- A care coordinator in my office
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In 2001, with the help of a federal Medical Home Implementation grant, the Utah AAP Chapter, the Utah Department of Health, and the University of Utah’s Department of Pediatrics began trying to meet the first two needs through the Medical Home Portal.
A Medical Home is not a house, office, or hospital, but rather an approach to providing comprehensive primary care.

Every child deserves a medical home, but children and youth with special health care needs in particular do.
Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) are "those who have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally."
What Makes the MHP Unique

- Content that is relevant to families and professionals who care for CYSHCN everywhere, plus
- The Medical Home Portal includes a Services Directory of local providers in its partner states
  - Utah
  - Idaho
  - Montana
  - New Mexico
  - Nevada
  - Rhode Island
Montana’s Medical Home Portal

- Launched in 2011

- Working with Montana CSHS and the Montana Parent Partner Program to identify relevant service providers

- 1082 local community service providers for families with CSHCN are in the MT Services Directory, more being added regularly
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The MT Services Directory provides links to nearly 1100 local Montana:

• government agencies
• nonprofit organizations
• allied health providers
• medical specialists

Browseable and searchable, these services are also integrated into Medical Home Portal content pages.
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