



Making the Case for Financing Health Care for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

4 Ways the Catalyst Center State-at-a-Glance Chartbook Can Help

The Catalyst Center has updated the web-based State-at-a-glance Chartbook you have come to rely on to make the case for improving coverage and financing of care for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) in your state. This tool allows you to:

1. Put the spotlight on children and youth with special health care needs

The State-at-a-glance Chartbook combines data from several reliable sources to give you up-to-date information about CYSHCN and children in general for each state and the District of Columbia. The Chartbook contains data about:

- Demographics of children and CYSHCN
- Economic indicators such as household income, unemployment rate, employer size and Medicaid eligibility
- Child health services including mental health, oral health, and foster care
- Factors influencing health insurance coverage including public/private insurance and national health care reform indicators
- Experience with the system of care for CYSHCN as reflected in how well states meet several Maternal and Child Health outcome criteria
- Title V program financing and National Performance Measures

2. Show how your state fares compared to others and the nation

The State-at-a-glance Chartbook allows you to look up data for a single state, compare data from two states, and compare data with the US national average. You can also print a table of the comparisons.

3. Discover data sources you can trust

The most recent data from many sources combine to tell the story of CYSHCN in your state. With the check of a box, you can see detailed source information for the National Survey of Children's Health, the Kaiser Family Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and more—all carefully selected to provide you with easy-to-access data that you can rely on for accuracy. The State-at-a-glance Chartbook only presents carefully selected indicators from reliable and publically available sources.

4. Access on-the-spot tips for data interpretation

The State-at-a-glance Chartbook is designed to help all visitors understand the many dimensions of care for CYSHCN. It is a valuable tool for learning about health insurance and financing of care and in advocating for improved coverage. The 'Data Tips' page outlines how to understand, interpret, and use the data accurately. We offer points of caution and explanatory background in critical and full tips that accompany the data, so that you can feel confident using the data to tell a story about the system of care for CYSHCN. If you'd like to know more about a topic presented on the State-at-a-glance Chartbook, suggestions for further resources are also presented in the tips.

For questions and further technical assistance contact us at: CYSHCN@bu.edu

Explore the updated State-at-a-glance Chartbook at: chartbook.ciswh.org

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