

Financial Support

Resource families that provide intensive care and supervision to children with special health care needs qualify for a higher level of payment than a traditional resource home. The payment rate is determined by assessing several factors including, but not limited to the:

- Severity of the child's illness or injury, and
- Amount of care and supervision you would be required to provide.

Resource Family Expectations

Expectations include the following:

- Participate in medical trainings specific to the child's needs,
- Attend at a minimum of every six months, Child and Family Team (CFT) meetings and IHCP meetings, and
- Take the child to a variety of specialty medical, therapy, and visitation appointments.



Our Mission

To promote the health and well-being of children who have special health care needs by providing stability of placement, intensive support services, and resources in collaboration with the health care community.

Contact Information

If you are interested in becoming a San Bernardino County resource family for special health care needs children, please contact the Special Health Care Needs Unit at **(909) 891-3300**.



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SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Resource Homes Recruitment



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What are Special Health Care Needs?

Children with Special Health Care Needs (SHCN) require care beyond the normal range of care for foster children because of acute medical, physical, developmental, emotional or behavioral problems. The County social worker (SW) seeks the least restrictive placement that meets the child's needs.

The decision of where a child with SHCN can be adequately cared for is the responsibility of the child's Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP) team which includes the Primary Physician or his/her designee, and the County SW. The team may also include, but is not limited to the:

- Public Health Nurse (PHN),
- Inland Regional Center (IRC) worker,
- Mental Health Department,
- Parents, and
- Child.



What type of conditions might SHCN children have?

Children that have SHCN will have medical conditions that can range from:

- Low medical needs such as:
 - Diet restrictions,
 - Medication needs, or
 - Nutritional needs,
- to
- High medical needs such as:
 - Technology dependent, or
 - Recent transplant; immune suppressed.

Caregiver Requirements

Caregivers caring for SHCN children must:

- Receive child specific training,
- Attend specialty appointments,
- Keep medication logs,
- Work with Public Health Nurses,
- Ensure that medical needs are met, and
- Have no more than two foster children in the home.

Can you care for someone special?

