

## **THE YOUTH CAMPUS**

*Serving Children and Families in Need*



# Caregiver Support Program

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Caregiver Support Program  
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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Caregiver Support Program brings services to families that care for children with medical or developmental challenges. In addition, CSP provides services to the Pregnant and Parenting Population including moms with medical issues. The Youth Campus' team of registered nurses, social workers, and caregiver support specialists provides:

- Home visits by registered nurses
- Respite services provided by specialists experienced in caring for fragile infants and children
- In-home training for caregivers, including: specifics on the child's medical condition, use of medical equipment and medications, child development, safety, and stress reduction
- Direct help in finding nearby services and resources
- Home visits and advocacy by the social worker
- Well baby care

CSP is funded by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to serve Cook County children with an open child/family case. **It is free to the family.**



## PROGRAM BENEFITS

**For the child** Each child receives focused and coordinated care to promote good health and development.

**For the family** Each family receives concrete and convenient support. In addition, caregivers learn the skills and the community connections they need to maintain a healthy family life.

**For the child welfare professional** The Caregiver Support Program enhances the family's capacity to manage the medical needs of children in their care and promotes placement and stability.

**For clinicians and educators** The Caregiver Support Program ensures that the professional services received by medically and developmentally-challenged children are supported in the home. To make a referral, contact the child welfare professional working with the family or the Caregiver Support Program.

## PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS

The Youth Campus has been serving the needs of medically-complex infants and children since 1994. The Youth Campus has trained staff with special expertise and skills in nursing and child development. Our staff are caring and professional. CSP staff knows that effective care is based on a team approach with consistent communication and coordinated planning.

## PROGRAM PARTNERS

Caregiver Support works closely with:

- Nurses at the Department of Children and Family Services
- Public and private sector child welfare professionals in protective services and foster care
- Area hospitals and clinics, especially neonatal care units