

Mission Statement...

"The missions statement of the Bureau of Children with Medical Handicaps is to assure, through the development and support of high quality coordinated systems, that children with special health care needs and their families obtain comprehensive care and services which are family-centered, community based, and culturally competent."

The BCMH Program promotes the early identification of children with handicapping conditions and treatment of those children by appropriate health care providers. It is a tax-supported, state-administered program in the Ohio Department of Health.

For further information and/or questions about the BCMH Program in your area, call The Columbiana County Health Department at 330-424-0272.

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The Bureau for Children With Medical Handicaps Program



**Helping Families and
Children with Special
Health Care Needs**

If you have a child with a chronic medical condition or a health problem that requires long-term medical follow-up, your child may be able to get services and financial assistance through the Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps Program, in conjunction with the Columbiana County Health Department.

BCMh works closely with the Health Department to identify needs and increase services to children with handicaps and their families. Some of the services provided are:

- Early identification and referral of children with potentially handicapping conditions
- Service coordination
- Advocacy
- Public Health Nurse home visit to help families obtain and coordinate services
- Explanation of the BCMH Program, the Letter of Approval, and other paperwork

BCMh has two programs to serve children with special health care needs and their families. The *Diagnostic and Treatment Programs* link families with quality care providers and help pay for the medical care of eligible children with medical handicaps.

The purpose of the Diagnostic Program is to rule out a handicapping condition, diagnose a condition or to develop a plan of treatment.

The purpose of the Treatment Program is to provide ongoing treatment services for eligible children.

In order to apply, a medical application must either be submitted to BCMh by either a BCMh-approved physician or a Public Health Nurse.

Public Health Nurses are available in your county to answer questions you may have about the BCMh Program.

If you live in Columbiana County, contact the County Health Department.

If you live outside Columbiana County, contact your local health department.

