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VC-PACT

*A pact between Ventura County Agencies
to promote the continuum of care for
Children with Special Health Care Needs*

VISION

All children have the right to grow with equal opportunities. All Ventura County children with special health care needs receive appropriate support to thrive and achieve optimal health, well-being, and harmony in their community.

MISSION

Improve the quality and consistency of physical and mental health care for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) in Ventura County through collaboration, coordination, and a focus on strengthening families.



WHO ARE CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS (CSHCN)?

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.

(Federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau definition)

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WHAT IS VC-PACT?

- A California Community Care Coordination Collaborative (5Cs) funded by Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health currently administered by Ventura County Public Health (VCPH).
- This project is part of a national initiative supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Federal Maternal Child Health Bureau (MCHB).
- The VC-Pact coalition serves as a resource to work on system gaps in services for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) and particularly addresses family strengths (Five Protective Factors framework).
- Framework: Five Protective Factors



WHY A PACT?

A 3-year study in North Carolina shows that effective care coordination could save \$6 million by decreasing the length of hospital stay, the number of re-hospitalizations (55%) and the number of ER visits.

GOALS

1. Increase awareness of programs in the county with key contacts to assist in appropriate and timely referral.
2. Improve continuum of care by providing additional care coordination through case reviews to elicit system change.



CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS (CSHCN)

Approximately 14.6 million children ages 0–17 years in the United States (19.8%) have special health care needs.

About 65% of CSHCN experience more complex service needs that go beyond a primary need for prescription medications to manage their health condition.

CALIFORNIA

Children with Special Health Care Needs: 2009–2010

Percentage of children ages 0-17 with and without Special Health Care Needs.



CALIFORNIA	%
Children with Special Health Care Needs	10.6%
Children without Special Health Care Needs	89.4%

2007 National Survey of Children's Health.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- A coalition that meets the 4th Tuesday of every month successfully with 15 to 25 participants since January 27 (Kick-off meeting).
- An acuity tool with operational definitions developed and piloted for case admissions to the coalition
- A Coalition Case Admission Review Panel (CCARP)
- A trend report with Ventura County CSHCN baseline data created in collaboration with MCAH epidemiologist



NEXT STEP – JOIN THE PACT

- Referring cases to the coalition
- Sharing your stories successes and challenges
- Join the coalition
- Donate to the VC-Pact