

Washington Family to Family Health Information Center Program

Washington PAVE has been awarded a three year federal grant from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. The center activities will be family directed, work in partnership with the Washington State Children with Special Health Care Needs Program and other family programs, organizations and support networks. The core concept of the program will be called the **C. A. R. E.**

C.A.R.E. stands for Community, Advocacy, Resources, and Education!

C.A.R.E will provide information and resources to assist families and youth with special health care needs, including families from culturally diverse communities. The goal is to enable families to more effectively access systems of care and influence decision makers responsible for implementation of family centered health care systems in Washington State.

C.A.R.E Activities:

Community

- Outreach training to community support groups, cultural brokers and others on program information.
- The collection of information from families on unmet health care access, coordination and resource needs.

Advocacy

- Providing one on one assistance on navigating public and private health care systems and provide links to health advocacy resources.
- Training 20 family health care navigators to better assist families in decision making for their health care services.

Resources

- Resource guide for families with tips and linkages to resources for decision making in health care systems.
- Develop and plan in partnership with State Children with Special Health Care Needs Program a Leadership Summit for families, youth and professionals.

Education

- Provide a Policy Summit to educate programs, agencies and policy makers on the special health care needs of children and youth.

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