

Call For Applications

Family-Centered Care Coordinator Training Program Supporting Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs



INTENDED AUDIENCE

Care Coordinators working with children and youth with special health care needs and their families

- Care Coordinators and (virtual) Case Managers
- Nurse Care Managers, RNs, LPNs,
- Peer Recovery Specialists
- Family Visitors
- Early Head Start and Early Intervention
- Community Health Workers
- Behavioral Health Clinicians & Social Workers
- Health Plan Care Managers
- School Family Liaisons and Student Assistance Counselors
- Other healthcare professionals

Care Transformation Collaborative of RI, in partnership with the Rhode Island Department of Health, is excited to announce its call for applications for a new learning collaborative focused on strengthening care coordination for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) and their families.

Community of Practice

This nine-month training opportunity begins in November 2026 and will equip care coordinators with the skills, knowledge, and connections needed to better support children and youth with special health care needs and their families. Through in-person and virtual sessions, participants will engage in a Community of Practice to expand your expertise in providing family-centered, care coordination services, knowledge of resources and strengthen connections and learn together with your peers.

Why Participate?

- \$250 Stipend for participants who attend the in-person “kick off” meeting *(11/5/26) and at least 6 additional meetings.
- The program also welcomes flexible participation for care coordinators able to attend less than 7 sessions, without stipend
- Participate in interactive training sessions with your peers, led by local experts, that promote shared decision-making, culturally responsive care, and coordinated access to resources across the continuum of care.
- Earn AAFP CME/NASW CEU/ CHWARI credits that can be used towards certification, for any attended session.
- Strengthen knowledge, skills, and competencies in best practices for effectively communicating with families and individuals with special health care needs
- Increase individual and staff capacity to connect families and individuals to appropriate resources, provide meaningful support services, and assist them in achieving their goals while navigating complex healthcare and medical systems.

Dates and topics

Date	Location	Topic
Nov 5, 2026, 12-3 PM	Warwick, RI	Required in-person kickoff*: Collaboration to Support Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs
Dec 3, 2026, 12-1:30 PM	Virtual	Family Centered Care
Jan 7, 2027, 12-1:30 PM	Virtual	Family Engagement and Communication
Feb 4, 2027, 12-3 PM	Warwick, RI	Cultural Competency
Mar 4, 2027, 12-1:30 PM	Virtual	Families as Peers & Leaders
Apr 1, 2027, 12-1:30 PM	Virtual	System Navigation: Early Childhood & Special Education Services
May 6, 2027, 12-3 PM	Warwick, RI	System Navigation: Understanding SDOH Resources
Jun 3, 2027, 12-1:30 PM	Virtual	Topic of most emerging need identified by participants throughout program**
Jul 1, 2027, 12-1:30 PM	Virtual	Topic of most emerging need identified by participants throughout program**

*Persons interested in the training program but unable to attend the kickoff meeting can reach out to Marije Thomas at mthomas@ctc-ri.org

**Topics for final two sessions will be determined by learners participating in the Training Program based on session feedback, care coordinator learning needs and emerging issues of children and youth with special health care needs and their families.

 Attend an info session: 9.14.2026, 12PM or 9.30.26, 7:30AM [via this ZOOM Link](#)

APPLICATIONS DUE:
October 2, 2026

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More information:



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