

Medically Fragile News

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LET'S CONNECT.....

Hi! I am Lori Steward, the Family Specialist for the Medically Fragile Case Management Program (MFCMP). So what does the Family Specialist do? I work with families and MFCMP case managers to support individuals who are medically fragile and their families. I help families locate resources, connect families with other families, plan opportunities for families to get together in their local area, help to keep all of you informed of changes and new information ... and much more. I am based in Albuquerque at the Medically Fragile Case Management Program's main office (which is part of the UNM Center for Development and Disability); however, I serve families statewide. Periodically I travel to locations around New Mexico. I am always only a phone call, email or text away. Give me a call or drop me an email to make sure I have your correct contact information. I look forward to being in touch with you!

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We are on Facebook!
 Check out our page and "Like" us! This page is a great way to connect with other families, keep informed of upcoming events and share your tips, successes, challenges and questions. Join us!



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A Special Opportunity For Our Families!

Have you heard that the USAF Thunderbirds are coming to New Mexico in June? Would your family like to attend a special event without the huge crowds that are expected on the days of the public airshows?

The families served by our program have been invited by Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) in Albuquerque to attend a special practice session of the elite USAF Thunderbirds on **Friday, June 3, 2016**.



This special event is designed specifically to reach out to individuals with disabilities and their families and is by invitation only. The practice session begins at 2:00 pm, but you will want to plan to arrive at KAFB between 1:00-1:30pm. Some shade cover will be provided and parking will be provided as close as possible. There is no charge.

If your family is interested in attending this exciting event, you must contact Lori Steward, MFCMP Family Specialist, at (505) 463-5674 or by email at LSteward@salud.unm.edu. **Please RSVP as soon as possible so that your family can be included.** When you RSVP, you will be provided with other details of the event, including base access information. We look forward to hearing from you!



Come See the United States Air Force Thunderbirds – FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2016

**Update on the
Transition of the Medically Fragile
Waiver
Into Centennial Care**

The transition of the Medically Fragile Waiver into Centennial Care has been postponed until January 1, 2019.

Lunch Anyone?

Would you like to get together with others who have family members who are medically fragile or are medically fragile themselves? Periodically we will set a date to meet informally to have the opportunity to get to know each other, support each other, and have a chance to visit. Knowing that we all have different schedules and obligations, we will alternate between day and evening times.

Here's our first date - **Monday, May 9, 2016 - Lunch at Rudy's BBQ in Albuquerque (2321 Carlisle NE near I-40) at 12:30pm**

Please RSVP to Lori Steward at (505) 463-5674 or LSteward@salud.unm.edu

As more dates are planned, we will send out an email to those on our email list and will also post the information on our Facebook page. If you are not in the Albuquerque metro area and would like to have such an opportunity in your area, let me know!

**Update on the
Renewal of the Medically Fragile
Waiver**

- Recently, individuals who are on the Medically Fragile Waiver received a letter and flyer from the State of New Mexico Human Services Department regarding the renewal of the Medically Fragile Waiver.
- Public information meetings were held in three locations in New Mexico.
- The State is now in the process of writing the renewal application.
- The application will be posted on the State's website followed by a 30-day Public Notice and Comment period (60-day period for tribal input) and ending with a Public Hearing.
- All comments received will be addressed and answered by the State.
- The waiver renewal application will then be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, the federal agency that approves the Medically Fragile Waiver.
- The expected effective date of the renewed waiver is fall of 2016.

What does this mean for you?

- During the Public Notice and Comment period, you have the opportunity to provide input to the State on the Medically Fragile Waiver.
- Your comments can include services you would like to see added to the waiver, what works well and what does not, and any other type of input you would like to give regarding the Medically Fragile Waiver.
- Your input is valued and needed. You are encouraged to make your voice heard!

For updates on the waiver renewal process, visit the New Mexico Human Services Department Website at:

<http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForInformation/medically-fragile.aspx>

Your Family Survey will be arriving soon!



Each year the MFCMP sends out a family survey to obtain your feedback about our case management program. This survey will be arriving soon in your mailbox. You can either complete the paper copy of the survey and return it via USPS mail or you can complete the survey online. We would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the survey and give us your feedback. The survey is completely anonymous. We use the survey results to identify ways in which we can improve our case management program. Thank you in advance for your participation.

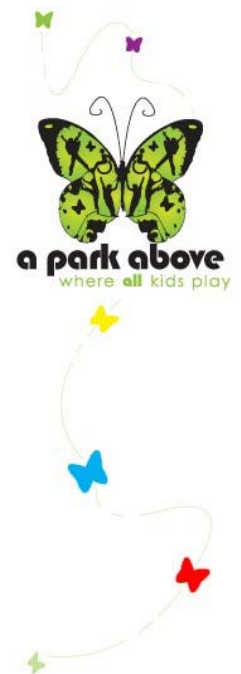


Join Us For The Summer Medically Fragile Program Family Get-Together

Saturday, August 6, 2016 is the date of our Medically Fragile Program Summer Family Get-Together. This year we will be getting together for a morning of fun at the new park in Rio Rancho, A Park Above, from 10am - 12pm. This awesome park is New Mexico's first fully-inclusive and accessible park. We have reserved a covered area for our group. You will receive a flyer in July with all the details, but mark the date on your calendar now. Everyone is welcome. This will be a fun and enjoyable time for kids and adults of all ages and abilities!

Saturday, August 6, 2016
10:00 am – 12:00 noon

**Save
the
Date**



Upcoming Family Events

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| Monday, May 9, 2016
12:30 pm | Lunch at Rudy’s BBQ in
Albuquerque (see p. 2) |
| Friday, June 3, 2016
Afternoon | USAF Thunderbirds Airshow
Practice Session (see p. 1) |
| Saturday, August 6, 2016
10:00 am – 12:00 noon | Summer Medically Fragile
Family Get-Together (see p. 3) |

CLASSIFIED ADS

In each newsletter, we will have a place to "advertise" items you could use or items you have to give away or share. These items can also be posted on our Facebook Page.

FREE - MANUAL HOYER LIFT - with two slings. In very good condition.

FREE - DIAPERS - Size Adult Medium - Approximately 100 diapers.

If you are interested in either of these items or would like to "place an ad" in the next newsletter, contact Lori Steward at (505) 463-5674 or email LSteward@salud.unm.edu

Families.....

- Would you like to connect with others in *your* area? I am here to help, so get in touch with me!
- Do I have your correct email address or phone number so I can keep you informed of important information in between newsletter publications?

Call, text or email me your current information. Thank you!

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