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Families, Are We Connected?

Have you been receiving emails from Lori Steward, MFCMP Family Specialist? Email is the most timely way to let you know about information and events. For example, recently I sent some emails about equipment and supplies that were being given to families who could use them.

If you have not been receiving these emails from me, most likely it is because I do not have your current email address. Please call, text or email me to give me your current information.

Let's all stay connected!

Hope you have enjoyed your summer!

Lori

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Check out our Facebook 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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***OOPS! Did you forget to return your
MFCMP Family Survey?
It's not too late! Do it Today!***



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Did you receive your MFCMP family survey in the mail in late June? Have you returned it yet? These surveys are very important to our program. Your responses tell us how we are doing and what we can do to serve you child better. You can return the survey by U.S. mail or online using Survey Monkey. To respond using Survey Monkey, just type this URL into your browser:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9BVRBD9>

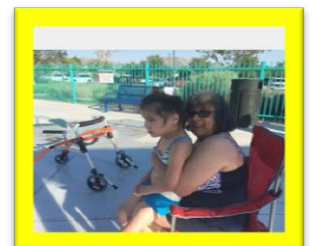
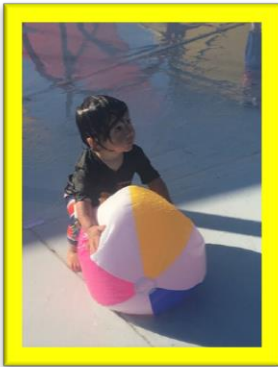
If you need another survey sent or emailed to you, please call us at (505) 272-2910 or (800) 675-2910.

If you have already responded, thank you so much! If you have not, please take a few minutes to respond today. We need *your* input.

Making Memories.....

Hopefully you all have been enjoying summertime and have made memories with your families! When your family includes a child who is medically fragile, activities can sometimes require a lot of planning and extra preparation. Sometimes, your family may alter plans due to the needs of your child who is medically fragile. What matters most, though, is the time you spend together – whether it is an adventurous trip or a “staycation” at your home or in your local community. Regardless of the time of year or the activity you choose, remember to enjoy the time you have together and make memories.

Here are some photos of memories made at our MFCMP Family Event at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center and Water Spray Park in Albuquerque in June!



SHARE WITH US!

Share some of your family's memory-making moments with us in the next newsletter. You can contribute photos or write about one of your family's activities or anything else you would like to share with others. Please get in touch with Lori Steward at (505) 235-9463 or LSteward@salud.unm.edu if you have something you would like to contribute.

DME and Supplies – Smooth Sailing or Sometimes Frustrating?

Medical equipment and supplies are critical to caring for our family members who are medically fragile. Sometimes DME providers really go the extra mile to make sure our children get what they need. Other times, the process might be difficult or frustrating. We are working to make this process easier for both you *and* the DME providers. Currently, the MFCMP is having meetings with Home Medical Equipment Specialists (HME) to work on some of the problems our families have encountered.

If you have a problem you would like addressed or have an idea or a suggestion, please let us know! If there are things that are working well for you or someone has gone the extra mile for you, let us know that too. We need your input. Call, text, or email Lori Steward, MFCMP Family Specialist, at (505) 235-9463 or LSteward@salud.unm.edu to tell us your experiences.



*Tell us about
your experience
with your DME
provider.*



Southwest Conference on Disability - Scholarships Are Available for You!

October 11-13, 2017 Albuquerque Convention Center

Each year the University of New Mexico Center for Development and Disability hosts the Southwest Conference on Disability. This conference draws presenters and attendees from our region and beyond. Registration for the conference has started, and **scholarships are available** for individuals with disabilities and their immediate family member or personal care attendant. The scholarship deadline is August 31, 2017, so apply now to be considered. For information, registration and scholarship information, go to <http://www.cdd.unm.edu/swconf/>

The CDD Information Network and Library is a Resource for Everyone – Statewide!

The Information Network and Library at the UNM Center for Development and Disability in Albuquerque is a STATE-WIDE lending library and information hub on a variety of topics including disabilities, health conditions, community resources and much more. In fact, they have a “Medically Fragile Collection” of books. If you are in the area, you can visit the Information Network and Library at the Center for Development and Disability at 2300 Menaul Blvd. NE in Albuquerque. In addition, you can call or email them and ask for information or books on a particular topic, and **if you are outside the metro area, your items will be mailed to you free of charge**. Where ever you live in the state, you can take advantage of this wealth of resources including books, DVDs, eBooks, Tip Sheets and Information Specialists who can help you find what you are looking for. Contact them at:

- Information Specialists: 505-272-8549 or toll free: 800-552-8195
- Library Services: 505-272-0281 or toll free: 844-231-5003
- Email: HSC-InfoNet@salud.unm.edu

Families Outside the Albuquerque Area

Would you like to connect with others in *your* area? Would you enjoy getting together for coffee, dinner, or a brown bag lunch? Or maybe have a meeting on a particular topic of interest? Get in touch with me, and together we can determine what type of event suits the needs of the families in your area. Call, text or email me today.

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Families In Albuquerque and Surrounding Areas

We are planning our next meeting for the fall and will address topics suggested at our last meeting. Watch for upcoming announcements of meetings and get-togethers in your U.S. mail and e-mail.

Need an item? Have an item you are no longer using and would like to give to someone else?

Just contact Lori Steward at:
(505) 235-9463 or by email at
LSteward@salud.unm.edu and we can
“advertise” the item needed or available
in this newsletter and in emails to families.

NEEDED – “Medical-type” crib similar to those in the hospital. For a small child needing significant medical care

NEEDED – Bath or Shower Chair for a child over 50 pounds

AVAILABLE - Diapers - FREE - Size Adult Medium - Approximately 100 diapers

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