

# Health Care Notebook

**For**

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# Section 1

# INTRODUCTION

## A Parent and Child's HEALTH CARE NOTEBOOK

**The goal of a Health Care Notebook is to provide a central location for important information regarding your child's special health care needs.**

Record keeping is a must when parenting a child with special health care needs. Parent to Parent of NYS has created this notebook to provide an invaluable reference tool that will make keeping your child's records easy and convenient. Imagine being able to find information at a moment's notice? Well you can with this notebook. We are parents of children with special needs and understand the need for locating information at a moment's notice!

The Health Care Notebook has value that far exceeds simple organization. It is a crucial tool to help in developing a partnership with the professionals who provide care to your child. As you become more organized you will develop the skill of *when* and *then*. You will approach your health care professionals thinking, "*When* this happens *then* I will...."

You might realize that you need more of a particular page. The pages are on the Parent to Parent of NYS website available for downloading. For anyone without access to the Internet, our offices can mail or fax the pages you need.

There are various Health Care Notebooks in use and available on the Internet. No single book will completely address every child's needs. We have included a listing other notebooks in the references section, which can be downloaded and combined with any of the Parent to Parent of NYS pages to add to your notebook, creating a personalized notebook that works for you.

# Quick Tips Before Getting Started

## ***What is a Health Care Notebook?***

A Health Care Notebook is an organizational tool for families who have children with special health care needs. Using a Health Care Notebook can help you keep track of important information about your child's health, providers and health history.

## ***How can this help me?***

In caring for your child with special health care needs you will receive information from many sources. This Health Care Notebook will help you organize information in one central place. It will help you track changes in medication and or treatments and it provides a place where you can refer back to health care professionals who have provided past services (i.e. speech therapist from Pre-K, first ENT, etc.). It is a place to keep phone numbers, doctors, locations of testing, vendors of durable medical equipment, serial numbers, etc., authorizations/approvals in one place.

The process of organizing the records will improve your ability to effectively partner with your child's health care providers in the decision-making process. Additionally, the Health Care Notebook is can be used as a tool to support the development of health care related skills for the child who is transitioning to adulthood.

## ***What are some helpful hints for using my child's health care notebook?***

Keep this notebook where it is accessible (not in a closet or in the attic). Add new information daily, monthly, weekly or after medical appointments or after phone calls regarding your child's health care. It may be beneficial to bring the Health Care Notebook to medical appointments. The more this notebook is updated, the more valuable it will become to you and to your child.

# Section 2

## Emergency Contact and Medical Information for a Child

Child's Name	Date of Birth	M	F
		Sex	
Parent's/Guardian's Name ( )	Parent's/Guardian's Name ( )	Home Phone	Work Phone
Home Phone	Work Phone	Home Phone	Work Phone
Address	Address		
City, ST ZIP Code	City, ST ZIP Code		

### Alternative Emergency Contacts

Primary Emergency Contact ( )	Secondary Emergency Contact ( )	Home Phone	Work Phone
Home Phone	Work Phone	Home Phone	Work Phone
Address	Address		
City, ST ZIP Code	City, ST ZIP Code		

### Medical Information

Hospital/Clinic Preference	
Physician's Name	Phone Number
Insurance Company	Policy Number
Allergies/Special Health Considerations	

I authorize all medical and surgical treatment, X-ray, laboratory, anesthesia, and other medical and/or hospital procedures as may be performed or prescribed by the attending physician and/or paramedics for my child and waive my right to informed consent of treatment. This waiver applies only in the event that neither parent/guardian can be reached in the case of an emergency.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Family Directory

## Parent(s) or Guardian(s)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## Other Non-Sibling Relatives

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

# Family Directory Continued

## Siblings

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender** M  F

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Home** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Work** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender** M  F

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Home** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Work** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender** M  F

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Home** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Work** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender** M  F

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Home** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Work** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender** M  F

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Home** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Work** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

# Family Medical History Form

**Child's Name**

First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

Current Physician(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the current status of your child's immediate family:

Grandparents Name(s)	Living/Deceased	Age (Now or at Death)	Comments or Cause of death

Parents Names	Living/Deceased	Age (Now or at Death)	Comments Or Cause of Death

Siblings Names(s)	Living/Deceased	Age (Now or at Death)	Comments Or Cause of Death

## Family Medical History Form (continued)

Please indicate all known health conditions that apply to your child and members of their immediate family, including parents, grandparents and siblings, below:

Health Condition	Me	Age of onset/type	Family Member(s)	Age of onset/type
Alzheimer's				
Arthritis				
Asthma/Allergies				
Aneurysm				
Blood Clots				
Blood Disorders				
Cancer:				
Breast				
Colon				
Prostate				
Lung				
Other				
Diabetes				
Epilepsy/Seizures				
Eye Condition				
Heart Disease				
High Blood Pressure				
High Cholesterol				
Kidney Disease				
Lung Disease				
Osteoporosis				
Mental Disorders				
Smoking				
Stroke				
Thyroid Disorders				
Tuberculosis				
Other:				

# Section 3

# Child's Medical History

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last)
(First)
(Middle)

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Sex:  Male  Female  
 (check)

Child's Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## Diagnosis

Date	Physician	Diagnosis

## Immunization Record

Dates:						
Hep B						
DtaP/Tdap						
Hib						
Polio						
PCV						
MMR						
Varicella						
Hep A						
MCV4						
TB Status						
Other						
Other						
Other						

**Allergies**  
(Medication, Food, Insects)

**Allergy** \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Reaction \_\_\_\_\_  
Signs & Symptoms \_\_\_\_\_  
Management \_\_\_\_\_  
(including antidote with dosage) \_\_\_\_\_

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(including antidote with dosage) \_\_\_\_\_

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Type of Reaction \_\_\_\_\_  
Signs & Symptoms \_\_\_\_\_  
Management \_\_\_\_\_  
(including antidote with dosage) \_\_\_\_\_



# Dental Information

## Dentist

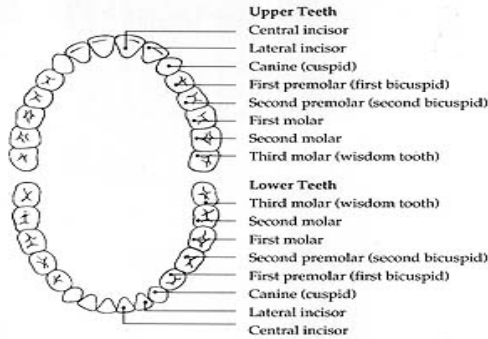
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Show location of crowns, bridges or other major dental work done. Mark the diagram and give a brief description.



Description \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Orthodontist or Oral Surgeon

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Braces Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Appliance Worn \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions \_\_\_\_\_

# Vision Information

## Ophthalmologist/Optomtrist

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Current Prescription \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Lenses Type \_\_\_\_\_

Daily Wear and Care Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Last Exam \_\_\_\_\_ Any Changes \_\_\_\_\_

Eyes Injuries \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Optical Store Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

# Medication Log

(Including supplies that don't require an Rx)

Date Ordered	Physician	RX #	Reason
Date Discontinued	Medication with Concentration	Dosage & Route	Time Administered

Date Ordered	Physician	RX #	Reason
Date Discontinued	Medication with Concentration	Dosage & Route	Time Administered

Date Ordered	Physician	RX #	Reason
Date Discontinued	Medication with Concentration	Dosage & Route	Time Administered

# Hospitalizations, Surgeries & Procedures

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Procedure \_\_\_\_\_

Admitting Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Surgeon \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital / Facility \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date Discharged \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Procedure \_\_\_\_\_

Admitting Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Surgeon \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital / Facility \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date Discharged \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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# ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING

Use this page to talk about your child's abilities to care for himself/herself or the specific needs they have. Reference additional sheets if necessary.

Nutrition

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Respiratory

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Communication

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Mobility

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Sleep

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Social/Play

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Coping/Stress

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Toileting & Personal Hygiene

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# DAILY TREATMENTS

This page is designed to be an overview of daily care activities in the event parents are called away suddenly and a relative, nurse or aide is filling in. The idea behind this page is for parents to keep an updated daily schedule on file. You may consider creating a personalized regimen for each of these areas as applicable and filing your notes behind this page in the notebook.

Vital Signs:

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Respiratory:

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Trach:

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G-Tube:

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Bowel/Bladder Regimen:

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Adaptive Equipment:

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# ("DME") DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES

(Including glasses, hearing aides, & items that requires Rx)

**Equipment or Supply** \_\_\_\_\_  
Vendor \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date Obtained \_\_\_\_\_  
Repairs \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorization No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Settings / Dosage \_\_\_\_\_

**Equipment or Supply** \_\_\_\_\_  
Vendor \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date Obtained \_\_\_\_\_  
Repairs \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorization No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Settings / Dosage \_\_\_\_\_

# Section 4

## Specialty Physicians Check List

**Highlight** or place a ✓ checkmark to next to specialists included in your child's care.

- **Anesthesiologists**
- **Neurosurgeons**
- **Dermatologists**
- **Oncologists**
- **Endocrinologists**
- **Neurologists**
- **Family Medicine**
- **Ophthalmologists**
- **Gastroenterologists**
- **Orthopedists**
- **Gynecologists**
- **Otolaryngologists**
- **Immunologists**
- **Pediatricians**
- **Internists**
- **Podiatrists**
- **Nutritionists**
- **Psychiatrists**
- **Social Workers**
- **Radiologists**
- Other (identify)
- **Urologists**
- Other (identify)
- Other (identify)
- Other (identify)

# HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS DIRECTORY

## **Primary Care Provider/Physician (PCP)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency No. \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital(s) affiliated with: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of office personnel that were helpful: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Primary Care Provider/Physician (PCP)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency No. \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital(s) affiliated with: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of office personnel that were helpful: \_\_\_\_\_

## Specialists

Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency No. \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital(s) affiliated with: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of office personnel that were helpful: \_\_\_\_\_

Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency No. \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital(s) affiliated with: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of office personnel that were helpful: \_\_\_\_\_

## Home Care Agency

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency No. \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

## Pharmacies

### Local Pharmacy

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

### Mail Order Pharmacy

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

### Specialty Pharmacy (Compounding, Intravenous Medications, etc)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Therapists**

### **Speech Therapist**

School/Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

### **Physical Therapist**

School/Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Occupational Therapist**

School/Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

### **Respiratory Therapist**

School/Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

### **Other**

School/Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

**KEY SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

Principal \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Current Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

School Nurse: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

School Psychologist: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson of CSE \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation / Bus # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

# **FAMILY SUPPORT INFORMATION**

## **Service Coordination/Case Management**

Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_

Service Coordinator/Case Manager's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

## **Respite Services**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

## **Parent to Parent of NYS**

Regional Office \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Website: [www.parenttoparentnys.org](http://www.parenttoparentnys.org)

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

## **Support Group**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

## **Family Support Information (continued)**

### **Child's Diagnosis Foundation**

Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

### **Advocacy Group**

Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

### **Religious/Church Affiliation**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_



# Section 5

# HEALTH INSURANCE

**Primary Insurance Carrier** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Plan \_\_\_\_\_

Subscriber (Name of Policy Holder) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_

Case Manager/Care Coordinator/Case Worker

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

## **Secondary Insurance**

Name of Plan \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribers (Name of Policy Holder) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_

Case Manager/Care Coordinator/Case Worker

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

# Financial Support

## SSI – Supplemental Security Income

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

## MEDICAID

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

## CARE AT HOME/HCBS WAIVER

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

## Physically Handicapped Children’s Program (“PHCP”)

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_



# Section 6

## REFERENCES TO OTHER HEALTH CARE NOTEBOOKS

<http://www.medicalhomeportal.org/living-with-child/caring-for-children-with-chronic-conditions/managing-and-coordinating-care/care-notebook> - Utah, includes a Spanish version

<http://www.health.state.ri.us/family/disability/cc-notebook.php> - Rhode Island

<http://cshcn.org/planning-record-keeping/care-notebook> - Seattle Children's Hospital

<http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org/tools/CarePlans/CHMCC%20notebook.doc> - Ohio

<http://www.ccids.umaine.edu/archive/maineworks/carenotebook.htm> - Maine

[http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org/Tools/care\\_notebook.html](http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org/Tools/care_notebook.html) - American Academy of Pediatrics

### Links to Other Health and Safety Concerns

Emergency Contact Sheet

[http://kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid\\_safe/sheets/emergency\\_contact.html?tracking=P\\_RelatedArticle](http://kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid_safe/sheets/emergency_contact.html?tracking=P_RelatedArticle)

When Your Child Needs Emergency Medical Services

<http://www.aap.org/family/frk/EMSFRK.pdf>

Power of the Parents, A Safety & Awareness Program

<http://www.powerofparentsonline.com/>

New York State Institute for Health Transition Training

[www.healthytransitionsny.org](http://www.healthytransitionsny.org)

## Parent to Parent of NYS Overview and Listing of Offices

Parent to Parent of NYS is a statewide not for profit organization with a mission to support and connect families of individuals with special needs. We are a point of contact for many parents who are 'getting started' on their journey of parenting a child with developmental disabilities. There are 14 offices throughout NYS, staffed by Regional Coordinators, who are parents or close relatives of individuals with special needs. A website is maintained to provide information and events listings -

[www.parenttoparentnys.org](http://www.parenttoparentnys.org)

A Support Parent Network of over 1200 parents is the backbone of the **Parent Matching Program**. It has been created and is maintained by Parent to Parent Regional Coordinators. This is a model program used across the country to put parents in touch on a one to one basis with other parents who have a child with a chronic illness or disability. "Support Parents" are parents of individuals with special needs who have made the offer to speak one to one with "new" parents and share their experiences. Support parents are the key to this program. The organization recognizes the need for emotional support as well as the importance of parents knowing they are not alone.

When parents agree to be Support Parents, they are provided a skills building training, which includes an overview of how the program works, an understanding of the stages and emotions a parent or caregiver may be experiencing, as well as listening skills.

New parents are welcome to join the Support Parent network and to share their experience.

In addition to the Parent Matching program, the organization fields telephone calls from parents of children with special needs who are looking for resources, services and information. Calls include parents looking for information about medical services and therapies and those looking for information specifically about an illness or disability. There are often questions about special education. All programs are based on the philosophy of parents helping each other, drawing on a network of parents helping parents. Coordinators are there to assist, but draw on other parents to help. There is no charge for services.

The Family to Family Health Care Information Center assists families with access to health care, health care recordkeeping and transition from pediatric to adult health care. Information about this program can be viewed at the website.

<http://www.parenttoparentnys.org/Family2Family/familytofamily.html>

## **Contact Parent to Parent of NYS**

### **ADIRONDACK**

Clinton, Essex, Franklin & Hamilton  
22 US Oval, Suite 116  
Plattsburgh, NY 12903  
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