

## **Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN)**

The U.S. Maternal and Child Health Bureau defines Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) as:

“... those who have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally.”

### **Common Health Care Conditions**

Emotional Disturbance  
Mental Retardation  
Autism  
Health Impairment  
Learning Disability  
Speech Disorder  
Developmental Delay

### **Career opportunities with CSHCN**

Home health care  
Mobility specialists  
Dental care professionals  
Genetic counseling  
Family therapy & counseling

### **Home Based Therapeutic Services: What is HBTS?**

HBTS is available to children and young adults, through age 21, with autism, developmental disabilities, or mental health needs. To be referred for this program a child must meet eligibility requirements as determined by the Department of Human Services.

HBTS succeeds in its mission by maintaining the highest possible expectations for each child, as well as for the staff who support them.

## CSHCN Sites

### Ocean State Community Resource, Inc. (OSCR)

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**Mission:** Ocean State Community Resources' mission is to empower people to improve the quality of their lives.

**About OSCR:** OCSR supports individuals with developmental disabilities who live in their own homes, apartments and group residences.

These family settings are located in residential neighborhoods all throughout the State of Rhode Island. The people who live in these homes are encouraged to work, vote, and be active citizens in their communities.

We currently operate nine residential homes throughout the State. We provide services on a twenty-four basis in each of these programs. All of the Direct Support Professional shifts are awake positions, so that there is continuous care and monitoring throughout the day and night.

### Adeline LaPlante Memorial Center

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**Mission:** The mission of the ALMC Child and Family Services Program is to enhance the quality of life for each child who receives services. Working collaboratively with the parents, an individualized treatment plan is developed. The identified goals, reflecting the needs and strengths of the child, are designed to maximize the child's ability to interact and be successful at home, school, and in the community. Treatment is provided by the behavior specialist, in conjunction with the parents, in naturally occurring settings using developmentally appropriate and age typical activities.

### Meadowbrook Farms School

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**About Meadowbrook Farms School:** Meadowbrook Farms School Community is committed to fostering a safe, nurturing, respectful environment which provides the academics, discipline and creative opportunities necessary for the optimal development of all students.