

Request for Information Application Navajo County CSHCN Resource Fair

1. **Submission date:** December 27, 2017
2. **Organization:** Navajo County Children with Special Health Care Needs Coalition
Our Mission is to provide leadership to develop the resources necessary for the wellbeing of ALL Children with Special Health Care Needs in Navajo County.
Our Vision is that believe ALL Children with Special Health Care Needs desire a community that values awareness, connection, education, support and services.
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4. **ADDPC goal category:** #5 A community working together to identifying local resources, trainings, education opportunities and objective that support inclusion and participation of the DD population within our community. This aligns with the ADDPC vision statement.
5. **Description of proposed project in #4 and barriers that will be addressed:** This proposal is to request funding to help support the first Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Resource Fair in Navajo County. This resource fair will focus on education, training and information for parents, caregivers, providers and first responders who work with the CSHCN population. The following barriers are specific to Navajo County and can be helped by this resource fair: limited inclusion of CSHCN in community events, insufficient resources or knowledge of local resources that support this population, lack of awareness that Navajo County has a CHSNC population which has led to weak community support.
6. **Method of service delivery:** An annual resource fair one day a year focused on providing community resources, keynote speakers, education, information, workshops, networking and tools all specific to providers, agencies, parents and caregivers that work with the CSHCN population.
7. **Anticipated project partnerships:** Healthy Steps, First Things First, Navajo County Public Health Services District, Summit Health Care, Change Point Integrated Health, Lexington Academy, Blue Thumb Respite, Department of Development Disabilities (DDD), Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS), White Mountain Autism Foundation, North Country Health Care, Department of Economic Security Vocational Rehabilitation, Meadows Catalina Housing, HummingBird, Raising Special Kids, local pediatricians and the Office of Children with Special Health Care Needs.
8. **Anticipated contract period:** June 30, 2018 – July 30, 2018
9. **Anticipated cost:** \$10,000.00
10. **Anticipated cost for total project if over one year:** NA
11. **Target group and anticipated target number:** The target group is agencies, providers, caregivers, first responders and parents of CSHCN. The target number of participants is 150. This will also have an impact on the CSHCN population because the information provided at this resource fair is specific to building support for their unique needs, this could impact 100s more.
12. **Expected results after one year:** This symposium will create an outlet for agencies within Navajo County to connect and partner in providing services to the CSHNC population. Parent and caregivers will have access to many different resources specific to their child's unique needs. Providers and First Responders will be able to better care and advocacy for this population. There are many resource fairs in our community however,

none are focused on the CSHCN population. This will be the first of many CSHCN resource fairs that will continue to bring awareness and support to this population.

13. **Recommended method for evaluating the project:** There will be a sign-in sheet and evaluation completed by all participants. We will also complete an After Action Review (AAR) of the event including the CSHCN Coalition and our resource fair partners.
14. **Other ways to meet this need without ADDPC funding:** I have developed a sponsorship letter requesting funds to help with the resource fair and am currently sending this to local agencies, organization and business to help sponsor the event.
15. **Is there anyone else doing this now:** Not in Navajo County, there are CSHCN symposiums in other counties throughout Arizona but, are too far for Navajo County residence to attend.
16. **Potential means for sustaining the project:** This resource fair will grow every year, we will continue to seek sponsorships and in-kind donations from agencies, organization and businesses. The CSHCN coalition will continue to oversee this event as long as the organization is active.

Importance of ADDPC involvement: Currently we live in a very rural county that has limited awareness and inclusiveness of our CSHCN population. Many agencies, providers, parents, caregivers and first responders are unaware of the resources available in Navajo County. This resource fair is the first step in communities coming together to address the insufficiencies, lack of awareness, events and resources. ADDPC involvement would help sponsor the resource fair and aid the CSHCN coalition in or vision and mission. This sponsorship would be specific to media promotion and printing cost for the event; bringing awareness to not only the event but, the CSHCN population in Navajo County. The cost of facility rental and the printing of a primer listing all local resources available in Navajo County, all attendees will receive this at the resource fair.

Thank you for your consideration on behalf of the Navajo County Children with Special Health Care Needs Coalition.