

Wrap up from CSHS Community Resource Fair at Children's Hospital in New Orleans

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Recently, Children's Special Health Services (CSHS), in collaboration with Families Helping Families of Jefferson, held its first annual community resource fair for healthcare providers at Children's Hospital in New Orleans. The goal behind the program was simple; to get hospital staff to become aware of community and state resources, so that they can pass along that information to the families that they serve, in particular, families with children with special healthcare needs or simply to refer families to statewide parent support organizations such as Families Helping Families and the Family Resource Center at Children's Hospital, so that they can get connected to resources.

I am happy to announce that it was a huge success! In just a few hours, we had over 100 attendees which included; physicians, residents, therapist, nurses, other Children's Hospital staff, and even a few families. We had close to 30 different agencies representing transitional support, emergency preparedness, educational supports, family support organizations, healthcare services, health insurance, and many others. Everyone in attendance was appreciative of the opportunity to network, and complimented on how wonderful it was, even days after the program concluded. We look forward to doing this again in the future!



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