



# Six National Performance Measures

The Federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau, together with its partners, identified six national performance measures for state Children with Special Health Care Needs Programs. These performance measures are used to measure progress towards the development of community-based system of services for all children with special health care needs, which are consistent with the Healthy People 2010 goal, the national health goals for the nation.

The six National Performance Measures include:

1. Families of children and youth with special health care needs are partners in decision-making at all levels and are satisfied with the services they receive.
2. Children and youth with special health care needs receive coordinated ongoing comprehensive care within a medical home.
3. Families of children with special health care needs have adequate private and/or public insurance to pay for the services they need.
4. Children are screened early and continuously for special health care needs.
5. Community-based services for children and youth with special health care needs are organized so families can use them easily.
6. Youth with special health care needs receive the services necessary to make transitions to all aspects of adult life, including adult health care, work, and independence.

## Goals of the Washington State Children with Special Health Care Needs Program

- Provide and promote family-centered, community-based, and coordinated care for children with special health care needs.
- Facilitate the development of community-based systems of services for such children and their families.