

**WAC 246-710-001 Declaration of purpose.** The purpose of the children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) program is to assure comprehensive, coordinated, integrated, family-centered, and culturally competent systems of care. The CYSHCN program focuses on developing, extending, and improving services and service systems for identifying, diagnosing, and treating infants, children, and youth up to eighteen years of age who have or are at risk of developing chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions, or any combination thereof, and require health and related services of a type beyond what is required by children generally. The program works to ensure CYSHCN are able to achieve the healthiest lives possible and develop to their fullest potential by building the capacity of communities to support CYSHCN and their families while developing and enhancing the capacity of statewide systems of care that are comprehensive, coordinated, integrated, family-centered, community-based, and culturally appropriate with the purpose of supporting and promoting health equity.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040, 43.70.080, and 43.70.120. WSR 20-16-108, § 246-710-001, filed 7/31/20, effective 8/31/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.140. WSR 99-01-100, § 246-710-001, filed 12/17/98, effective 1/17/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050. WSR 91-02-051 (Order 124B), recodified as § 246-710-001, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.140 and 43.20.050. WSR 83-01-002 (Order 247), § 248-105-010, filed 12/2/82.]