

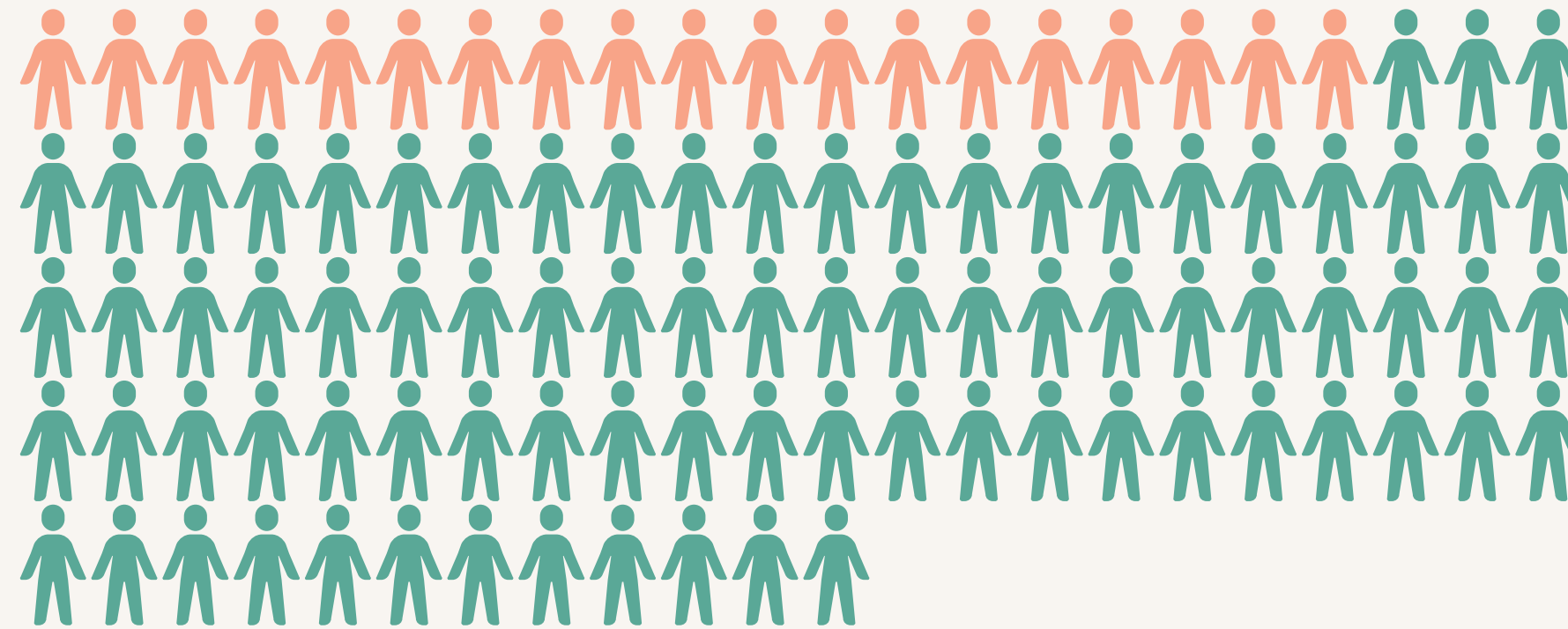


**Children and Youth
with Special Health Care
Needs**

CYSHCN



CYSHCN POPULATION



According to the 2020-2021
National Survey of Children's Health of New York State
an estimated **19%** of youth ages 0-17 have a special health care need

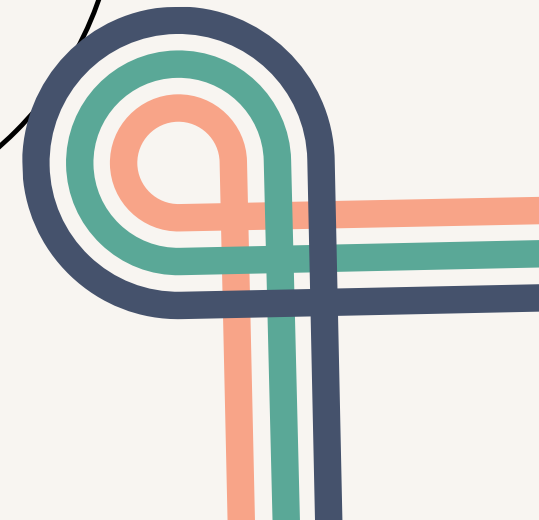

CYSHCN POPULATION

2021-2022 NYS CYSHCN
Program Served only **1,225** Families

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Challenges to CYSHCN Families:

- **Advocating**
 - **Barriers to accessing services and supports**
 - **Lack of transition services**
 - **Confusing complex support systems**
 - **Barriers to community inclusion**
 - **Impact of Covid-19 exacerbating existing issues, disrupting services & increasing mental health concerns**
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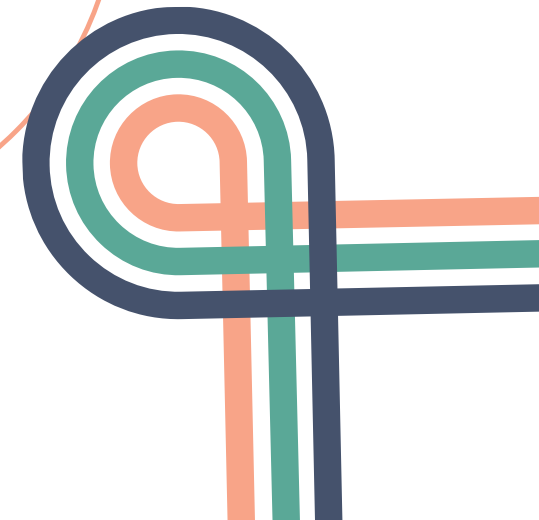

CYSHCN PROGRAM

Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs

- **Free Program**
- **Available to anyone from birth to 21 years of age that has a Special Health Care Need**
 - **Special Health Care Need = Requires additional resources**


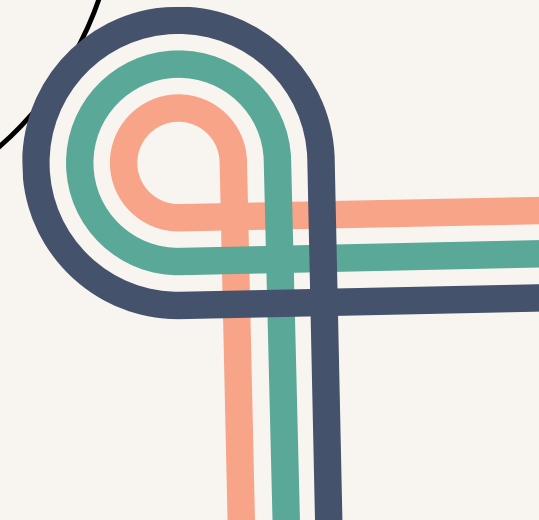


CYSHCN PROGRAM

- Administered by the Bureau of Child Health in the Division of Family Health
 - Funding from the Title V Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant
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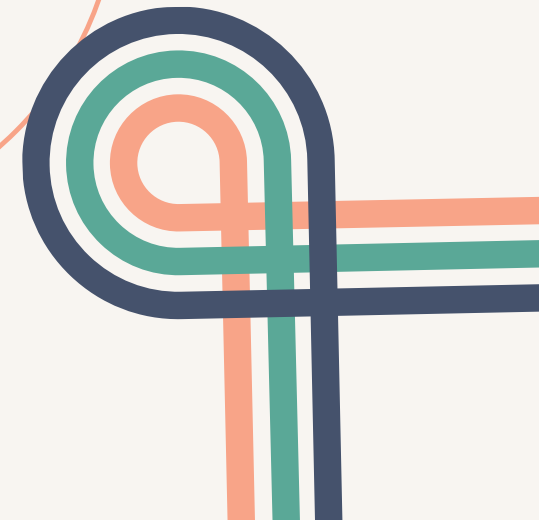



GOALS OF **CYSHCN** PROGRAM

- Direct families to local, state and national resources
 - Share information about services and supports
 - Promote opportunities for families to connect
 - Direct families to organizations which assist with issues and concerns related to special education
 - Assist families in locating providers
 - Provide information about navigating the service system
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THE **CYSHCN** PROGRAM PROVIDES FAMILIES

- Timely and appropriate information
 - Community Resources
 - Referral Services
 - Newsletters
 - Webinars
 - Dedicated local coordinator
 - Opportunities for families to connect
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CYSHCN PROGRAM

Community resource information & referral services include:

- Financial
- Insurance
- Healthcare
- Advocacy
- Support groups
- Transition services
- Diaper programs
- Food Pantries
- Specialists
- Respite and referral services