Helping children with special health care needs grow to their maximum potential
Providing family-centered, community-based services

A division of the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, CRS is a statewide organization of health care professionals committed to providing quality medical rehabilitation, care coordination, and support services for children and adolescents with special health care needs and their families. Every county in Alabama is served through a network of 14 community-based offices.

Cooperation, understanding, and teamwork are at the heart of CRS. Teams of physicians, nurses, social workers, physical therapists, audiologists, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists and registered dietitians often are called upon to provide services to children and their families. Parents, family members, teachers, volunteers, and others in the community are part of the child’s rehabilitation.

CRS is committed to providing quality services within a system of care that is family-centered, community-based and coordinated with health, education, and other resources.

Enabling children with special needs to participate in school

CRS staff members work closely with local school systems to enable children with special health care needs to participate fully in school. Through services such as counseling, specialized therapy, and assistive technology for children and families, as well as disability training for teachers and other school staff, CRS offers the support vital to classroom success.

Any child or adolescent under 21 years of age, regardless of income, who is a resident of Alabama and has a special health care need may receive CRS services. Individuals with hemophilia are eligible for services beyond 21.

Clinical Medical Program
Medical and related services for individuals with:
- Cerebral palsy
- Cleft lip and palate
- Cystic fibrosis
- Hearing loss
- Hemophilia
- Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis
- Limb deficiency
- Neurological conditions
- Neurosurgical conditions
- Orthopedic disorders
- Scoliosis
- Seizures
- Spina bifida
- Traumatic brain injury (TBI)
- Visual impairments

Clinical Evaluation Program
Clinical evaluations available to CRS children:
- Augmentative communication technology (ACT)
- Feeding
- Hearing aid
- Hearing assessment
- Seating, positioning, and mobility
- Teen transition

Other CRS programs
- Care Coordination Program
- Information and Referral Program
- Parent Connection Program
- Patient/Family Education Program
- Youth Connection Program

CRS participates in Alabama’s Early Intervention System for infants and toddlers and their families. Referral can be made by calling any CRS local office.

Anyone dissatisfied with any action related to delivery or denial of services may appeal the action to the local district supervisor.