

# Specialized Health Needs Interagency Collaboration at Kennedy Krieger Institute

## Who We Are

The Specialized Health Needs Interagency Collaboration project (SHNIC) is a collaborative partnership between Kennedy Krieger Institute and the Maryland State Department of Education. Our primary goal is to provide community education that facilitates the inclusion of students with specialized health needs into the community. Through free, on-site training and technical assistance, we teach the skills to safely and effectively manage the needs of children and adolescents and help them integrate into their schools and communities.

## Who We Serve

We work with parents, children, and adolescents with specialized health needs, local school systems, health departments, and related community service agencies. Our team of nurse educators and education specialists helps children with a range of specialized health needs that include, but are not limited to:

- Feeding tube management
- Urinary catheterization
- Tracheostomy or ventilator management
- Traumatic brain injury
- Neurological disorders
- Spinal cord injury and paralysis
- Tumors
- Diabetic management
- Genetic disorders
- Medication management
- Orthopedic impairment procedures
- Medical device training

## Services We Offer

We provide a variety of services, including:

- Community-based consultation and training for managing a child's specialized health needs
- Consultations and training on how a child's diagnosis may affect his or her education



- Seminars and workshops on specialized health needs
- Technical assistance, based on evidence-based practices, from a variety of disciplines, including speech-language, occupational and physical therapy, special education, and nursing
- Case-by-case consultations for students with medical equipment
- Referrals to community and health resources and support services
- A database of publications and educational materials about specific medical conditions

We are all born with great potential.  
Shouldn't we all have the chance to achieve it?



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UNLOCKING POTENTIAL



*“The SHNIC program has been invaluable in training our teachers and nurses on the health needs of complex, medically fragile students. Being from a small, rural school system with limited resources, we have greatly benefited from this professional development for our staff.”*

-School principal



## Our Success

Our project has a proven record of success and satisfaction:

- 95 percent of participants report accomplishment of their training goals
- More than 3,500 people are trained through the SHNIC project each year

## Contact Information

### Specialized Health Needs Interagency Collaboration at Kennedy Krieger Institute

For more information or to request training or technical assistance, please call **443-923-4558** or toll-free at **888-554-2080**.  
TTY: **443-923-2645** or Maryland Relay **711**

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### Physicians & Healthcare Professionals

To make a referral, call our Physician Referral Line at **443-923-9403**

### Location:

1750 East Fairmount Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21231

Kennedy Krieger Institute recognizes and respects the rights of patients and their families and treats them with courtesy and dignity. Care is provided in a manner that preserves cultural, psychosocial, spiritual and personal values, beliefs, and preferences. We encourage patients and families to become active partners in their care by asking questions, requesting resources, and advocating for the services and support they need.



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