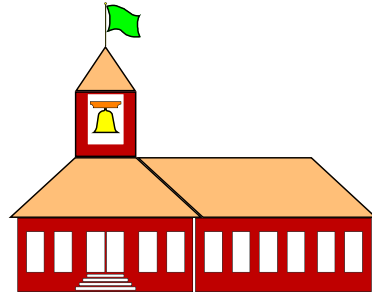


**CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
4100 MIDDLE ROAD  
ALLISON PARK, PA 15101**



September 27, 2018

Dear Parents:

You are cordially invited to visit our Open House. We will have two evening programs and you may join us at anytime during the timeframe. The dates are Thursday, October 4 (Grades K-2), and Thursday, October 11 (Grades 3-5). Both events will occur from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Elementary children are welcome and encouraged to attend and can act as your tour guide for the school. They will also be able to share their accomplishments thus far in the learning process.

Your child's homeroom and other areas of the building will be open throughout the evening. Information pertaining to the dates when special area teachers will attend appears on the back of this letter.

Also, please stop by Room 13/cafeteria to visit the PTO Scholastic Book Fair. All proceeds benefit our Library program.

We appreciate your support and look forward to your participation in our Open House activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy G. Kern". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Amy Kern  
Principal

SPECIAL AREA TEACHERS' LOCATIONS: The following Special Area Teachers will be at Open House this year. Please make note of their dates and locations.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4**  
**(Grades K-2)**

Mrs. Bumblis	Vocal Music	Vocal Music Room
Mrs. Casey	Librarian	Library
Mrs. Evans	RtII Facilitator	RtII Room
Mrs. Herald	Nurse	Nurse's Office
Miss Koble	Art	Art Room
Mrs. Lieberman	Math Support	Room 15
Miss Preziosi	Reading Support	Room 7
Mrs. Tammariello	Speech/Language Support	SLS Room
Miss Yurchick	Special Education	Room 8

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11**  
**(Grades 3-5)**

Mr. Desguin	Band	Band Room
Mrs. Evans	RtII Facilitator	RtII Room
Mrs. Fitzpatrick	Enrichment Facilitator	Room 30
Mrs. Harding	Special Education	Room 16
Mr. Endres	Physical Education	Gymnasium
Mrs. Lieberman	Math Support	Room 15
Mrs. Maley	School Counselor	Office
Miss Preziosi	Reading Support	Room 7

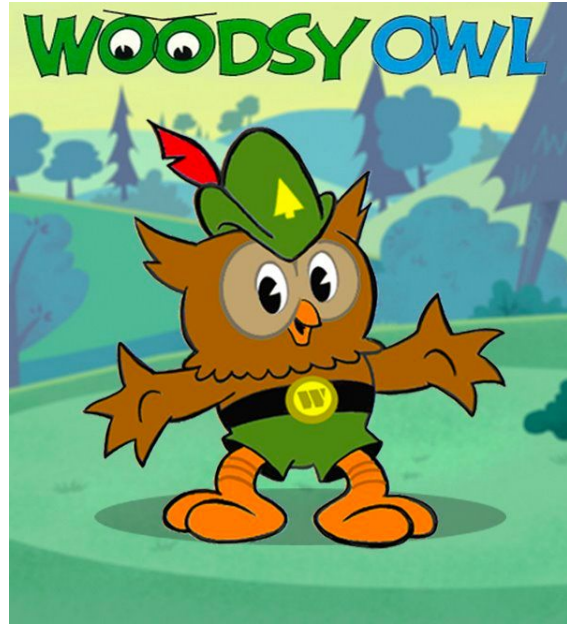
# POSTER CONTEST

Sponsored by the Ingomar Garden Club  
Open to Central Students in Grades K-5

CHOOSE ONE



Smokey the Bear  
“Only You Can Prevent Wild Fires”



–OR– Woodsy the Owl  
“Lend a Hand, Care for the Land”

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POSTER SHOULD INCLUDE A DRAWING OF  
WOODSY THE OWL -or- SMOKEY THE BEAR

POSTER SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE ONE A TITLE

Woodsy- “Lend a Hand, Care for the Land”  
Smokey - “Only You can Prevent Wild Fires”

PAPER SIZE: 11 x 17 inches  
See Miss Koble if you need paper

On the back of the poster, please write the following  
with a pencil:  
STUDENT NAME  
GRADE AND AGE  
CENTRAL ELEMENTARY

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**Posters will be judged by Ingomar Garden Club.**  
Posters are due to Miss Koble by Wednesday, October 10.  
Winning posters will be sent to Harrisburg to compete with student posters from  
across the state of Pennsylvania.  
Please contact Miss Koble with any questions! ☺



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Your child is taking part in classroom lessons from **Common Sense Education's K-12 Digital Citizenship Curriculum**, designed to educate and guide young people to harness the power of the Internet and digital tools so they can become safe, responsible, and respectful digital citizens.

#### **WHAT IS DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP?**

Digital media and technology is evolving at a rapid pace, bringing with it amazing opportunities as well as real risks for our children. On the positive side, young people are using the Internet and mobile technologies to create, connect, explore and learn in ways never before imagined. Challenges from harmful behaviors, cyberbullying to digital cheating, are surfacing in schools and in homes across the country. Young people face ethical challenges daily without a roadmap to guide them.

#### **WHAT COMMON SENSE EDUCATION TEACHES**

The core message of the curriculum is one of empowerment: With powerful digital tools that allow for creation and communication comes great responsibility. The curriculum centers on 8 main categories based on the digital ethics research of Dr. Howard Gardner and The GoodPlay Project at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

#### **WHAT FAMILIES CAN DO**

**Common Sense Education** takes a whole-community approach to digital citizenship by providing parent resources to help you support your kid's learning. As we engage in these lessons in class, we will be sending home parent tip sheets, videos, and an occasional activity worksheet for you to do together with your kids. You can visit the Common Sense website at [www.commonsense.org](http://www.commonsense.org) for more parent resources.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Raising and educating young people in today's 24/7 digital media environment is one of the most exciting and overwhelming challenges that parents and schools face today. Working together with **Common Sense Education**, we can raise a generation of kids who become smart, responsible, and respectful digital citizens.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Casey  
Library Media Specialist  
Central Elementary School*

To learn more about Common Sense Education's tools and resources, visit [www.commonsensemedia.org/educators](http://www.commonsensemedia.org/educators).

# Welcome Back!

We hope your summer was wonderful and that you're settling into another great year at Central. We're gearing up for a busy year of supporting our students and teachers.

We're excited to announce that we're working with Common Sense Media ([www.commonsensemedia.org](http://www.commonsensemedia.org)) to pilot a brand new communication tool that will make collaborating about classroom parties/events and connecting with other parents easier than ever. This tool will replace our previous directory and will allow you to contact other families without publicly sharing your personal information. However, because this is brand new to all of us, there will be a learning curve; we're asking all of you to please be patient with us as we roll out this exciting tool.

We also encourage you to like Central's PTO closed Facebook page. It's a great resource for last-minute volunteer activities, asking questions that you have, and more. Simply search Facebook for **HTSD Central PTO**.

Please help us get the year started by filling out our simple forms and returning them in the same envelope by **Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**. In this packet you'll find information on:

- The PTO's General Fund contribution
- Homeroom parent and volunteer opportunities
- Yearbook order information
- An upcoming Box Tops battle

This year we will host four general PTO meetings. Join us to learn about upcoming events, hear more about what the PTO sponsors at Central, and find out how you can get involved in our school. We will continue to offer both daytime and evening meetings. And, of course, children are always welcome. Mark these dates on your calendar now!

September 20 at 7:00 pm  
November 15 at 9:00 am  
February 21 at 7:00 pm  
May 2 at 9:00 am

We are looking forward to another wonderful school year. Please feel free to email or call any board member whenever you have questions, comments, new ideas, concerns, or simply want to learn how you can become more involved in Central's PTO.

Sincerely,

Trisha Webb, President	<a href="mailto:trishamberlin@hotmail.com">trishamberlin@hotmail.com</a>	(937) 776-1284
Trish Buben, Vice President	<a href="mailto:tab190@gmail.com">tab190@gmail.com</a>	(410) 504-2561
Amanda Rihn, Secretary	<a href="mailto:acbecker@yahoo.com">acbecker@yahoo.com</a>	(412) 860-7003
Christy Farrell, Treasurer	<a href="mailto:chfarrell@hotmail.com">chfarrell@hotmail.com</a>	(412) 596-1163
Jennifer Rossi, Communications	<a href="mailto:jenrossi1217@gmail.com">jenrossi1217@gmail.com</a>	(412) 841-9704

**Don't forget to turn in your SUMMER READING form by September 7, 2018!**

# Homeroom Parents Needed

This year we're teaming up with Common Sense Media to pilot a new parent communication tool to help with classroom parent communication. Taking the place of our directory, the tool will help with planning classroom parties, scheduling play dates, looking for carpool partners and more.

We're looking for a homeroom parent from each class to help us launch the system with your classroom parents. There will be an overview presentation/training before the September 20<sup>th</sup> PTO meeting, so you'll have all of the information you need when we roll the system out at Central.

**Interested in getting involved? Please email Trisha Webb at [trishamberlin@hotmail.com](mailto:trishamberlin@hotmail.com) to represent your class.**

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Below is a list of many of the PTO's activities for the year. Please consider how you can make a difference for our students and teachers, connect with other parents, and have some fun!**

Activities occur both *during* and *after* the school day. **No previous experience required!** You will be contacted with additional details, specific dates, and other needs.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNT ME IN! I'm willing to help with the following (Check one, two, or check them all!):**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Talbot Tailgate** – Help with Talbot Mascot dog voting contest
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Book Fair** – Help with set-up/tear down, cashier or student shopping
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Holiday Secret Shop** – Help kids with their holiday shopping
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Someone Special Dance** – Help with planning the event or working at the dance
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Junior Achievement** – Participate in career panels or classroom presentations
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher Appreciation Week** – Help plan and execute special events for our teachers
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Recycle Rama** – Help as needed at the High School during annual event
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Field Day** – Help with set-up, freeze pops, water stations, or clean-up
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Talent Show** – Help with planning, organizing, and coordinating event
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Hospitality** – Provide food & supplies for PTO hosted appreciation events for Central's staff
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Yearbook/Photography** – Take pictures at school events, do layouts, and prepare for printing
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Central's Heart** – Provide assistance to Central families experiencing hardship (meals, gift cards)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Do you have additional talents to share?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Want more information? Visit the PTO page on Central's website to learn more about volunteering roles.**

# General Fund Contribution

**Simply pay the PTO's fixed family contribution of \$28!**

Why contribute to Central's PTO? Our PTO General Fund supports the majority of PTO-sponsored events throughout the year, including student agendas, assemblies, teacher enhancements and mini grants, summer reading program, Science Olympiad, Primary Science Day, Field Day, and many other great events that take place during the year. Your contribution entitles you to membership in the Central PTO with voting rights.

And because of our fixed family contribution, we DO NOT have mandatory, school-wide fundraisers. Your contribution to the General Fund directly supports all of our great PTO programs.

**Want to ROUND UP for our kids?** As a result of a few generous families, we've created a new fund to help students who, because of whatever reason, cannot participate in events like the Holiday Secret Shop, Book Fair, or other PTO activities. If you'd like to round up your contribution, we'll add your donation to the fund!

Checks (preferred) should be made payable to: CENTRAL PTO

Student Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your support!**

Have any questions about the PTO General Fund? Contact Trisha Webb at [trishamberlin@hotmail.com](mailto:trishamberlin@hotmail.com).

**Please return by Friday, September 14, 2018.**



## BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!!!

Grades K-2

Student Previews: Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

Family Night/Open House: Oct 4<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm-8:00pm

**Open House/Family Nights:** Purchase student *Wish List* books, preschool/picture books, posters and more! Be sure to enjoy some Bruster's Ice Cream and meet Clifford, the Big Red Dog or Geronimo Stilton! All major debit/credit cards, checks and cash are accepted.

**All for Books:** At this year's fair, we are collecting funds for the **Clairton Public Library**. The Clairton Public Library is a small library with limited funding located near Kennywood. They recently had a roof leak that damaged many of their children's books. All monies collected in the **attached baggies** go toward the purchase of books for the library. The class collecting the most money earns \$25 in Scholastic Books for their classroom library, plus extra recess. Scholastic matches what we collect, dollar for dollar, and directs that donation to: Kids in Need Foundation and Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc.

**Classroom Donations:** Your teachers are **DREAMING** about refreshing their classroom libraries! If you purchase books during Family Night, a teacher of your choice will receive \$1 to purchase books for their classroom! If your home library is overflowing, please consider purchasing a Gift Certificate for any Central teacher.

**Buy Day:** Unable to attend Family Nights? Students are able to shop between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM on Friday, October 12. Please send your child with a check (*made payable to Central PTO*), or cash, to purchase *Wish List* books. Please add 7% sales tax to your amounts.

**Online Book Fair:** Would you rather browse the great Scholastic selections on-line? Visit the Book Fair Homepage <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/hamptoncentral> between September 27<sup>th</sup> & October 15<sup>th</sup>. Free shipping! Books are delivered right to the school and your purchases still benefit all of Central!

**\*\*\*\*\*Grade 3-5 parents – please look for your book fair info coming home next week!!!\*\*\*\*\***



# Club CREATE

## FALL THEMED CRAFTS

September 20 & 27  
October 4 & 10

**4th & 5th  
Graders**

3:15-4:15

with Mrs. May  
in Room 28

**\$30.00**

per student

Fee includes materials

\*2 sessions: \$15

I give my child \_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate in **Club Create**. S/He has my permission to use a hot glue gun when necessary. I will be at Central Elementary's side doors promptly at 4:15 for pick up.

Enclosed is payment of \$15/\$30 cash or check payable to Tabettha May.

Student's Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_ Circle dates attending: 20 27 4 10

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Phone Number

This activity is offered as an additional activity for students and is not sponsored by the Hampton Township School District.

# Mindfulness Club for Kids (MC4K)

In this after school program, students in grades 2-5 will learn about mindfulness. Elementary School Counselors, Mrs. Kinney and Mrs. Maley, will help students to build mindfulness skills. Mindfulness is the awareness of one's present state, emotions, and surroundings. This program will help students learn to focus on the present, be aware of their surroundings, be aware of their emotional state, and accept themselves for who they are. Each week students will participate in various fun activities such as: create a Mindfulness Bottle, practice relaxation poses, play fun mindfulness games, and learn about positive self-statements that they can use in their everyday lives.

This after school club will be held from 3:30-4:30 at **Central Elementary** on the following **MONDAYS: 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/5.**

Registration is \$50 per student and includes all materials and instruction. If paying by check, please make it payable to "**Melissa Maley.**"

To register, please send the completed form (below) with payment to your child's school office in an envelope that says "**School Counselor- After School Club.**" All registrations should be sent to school by **Friday, 9/14.** Please email any questions you may have to [maley@ht-sd.org](mailto:maley@ht-sd.org) or [kinney@ht-sd.org](mailto:kinney@ht-sd.org). *The cost is prohibitive,* please contact Mrs. Maley or Mrs. Kinney with any questions. \*This activity is offered as an additional opportunity for students and is not sponsored by the Hampton Township School District.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

My child has my permission to attend the Mindfulness Club for Kids on the dates listed above, and I will make the necessary transportation arrangements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent / Guardian signature*





**Is your daughter interested in joining a Girl Scout troop in Hampton?**

**Join us for an information night to answer questions and to learn more about joining a troop**

**When: Thurs., Sept. 27 from 6:30-7:30 pm**

**Where: Central Elementary Cafeteria (left side entrance)**

**Who: Parents of girls in grades kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Activities will be available for girls attending while parents participate in the meeting.**

Questions please contact Amanda Rihn [acbecker@yahoo.com](mailto:acbecker@yahoo.com) or 412.860.7003



Dr. Loughhead is challenging all elementary students to participate in the HAEE Annual 5k fundraiser on Sunday, October 14, 2018 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Hartwood Acres. All are encouraged to register online at the HAEE website for this awesome community event <http://hamptonalliance.org/>



### **The Elementary Challenge**

**Central, Poff, and Wyland Elementary Schools:**

**At each of the elementary schools, the grade level that has the most participation in the 1 mile walk or 5k race will win. All racers at that grade level will receive a complimentary “homework pass” from Dr. Loughhead**

**Best of Luck to all.**

**I look forward to seeing all of you at the race.**



**Homework Pass**  
for being a super star!



**HAAEE**

**26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL 5K**

**October 14, 2018**

**HARTWOOD ACRES**

**Race Start @ 9:00 AM**

**\$25/person or \$75/family (max.  
6 ppl.)**

**5K/1-Mile Walk • Basket Raffle •**

**Kids Activities**

**Register Now:**

**[www.hamptonalliance.org](http://www.hamptonalliance.org)**



**REGISTRATION OPEN NOW FOR FALL 2018-19 SESSION!**

**FOR CHILDREN ENTERING 1<sup>ST</sup>-3<sup>RD</sup> GRADES**



## In a neighborhood near you!

Help your child find their voice through the  
Pittsburgh Youth Chorus

**Neighborhood Training Choir** program!

Open to all children entering 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades.

**Make Friends!**

**Make Music!**

**Make Fun!**



**NTC North: Thursdays, 9/27—12/20** **6-7PM**

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

1965 Ferguson Rd in Allison Park, PA 15101

Instructor: Madeline Monahan Cost: \$180

**NTC South: Tuesdays, 9/25—12/11** **6-7PM**

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2040 Washington Rd in Upper Saint Clair, PA 15241

Instructor: Megan Froehlich Cost: \$180

**NTC West: Tuesdays, 9/25—12/11** **6-7PM**

Coraopolis United Methodist Church

1205 Ridge Ave in Coraopolis, PA 15108

Instructor: Steven Cosnek Cost: \$180

**NTC East: Stay tuned!**

We hope to announce a new NTC site in the  
Monroeville area in time for the spring session!

## What is the Neighborhood Training Choir?

- Open to all interested children in grades 1-3
- Designed to enrich music reading skills
- Promotes healthy choral singing in a group environment
- Develops choral literacy and peer interaction
- Refines the audition skills necessary to increase potential success in the Pittsburgh Youth Chorus audition process
- ***Tuition Assistance available***



## How to join a Neighborhood Training Choir

There are no auditions! Our only requirements are  
that the child be in 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade and loves to sing!

Visit our website: [www.PittsburghYouthChorus.org](http://www.PittsburghYouthChorus.org)

Email us: [info@pittsburghyouthchorus.org](mailto:info@pittsburghyouthchorus.org)

Call us: **412-281-4790**

***Enroll online now at***

***[www.PittsburghYouthChorus.org](http://www.PittsburghYouthChorus.org)***

***Go to the 'Parents' tab and click on  
'Class Juggler' to register!***



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Remake Learning supports educators who are igniting engaging, relevant, and equitable learning practices for children and youth.

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Smart advice from **COMMON SENSE MEDIA**, a non-profit dedicated to helping kids thrive in a world of media, social media and technology.



An **EVENTS CALENDAR** that compiles all the youth-friendly events in Pittsburgh – we do the work **FINDING** the **BEST** events so you can spend your time playing.



**GO-TO-GUIDES** for the best family-friendly things to do, from biking and day trips to unique outdoor playgrounds and kid-friendly events.



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A **DIRECTORY** of youth-serving organizations in this region to help you find what you need for your family.

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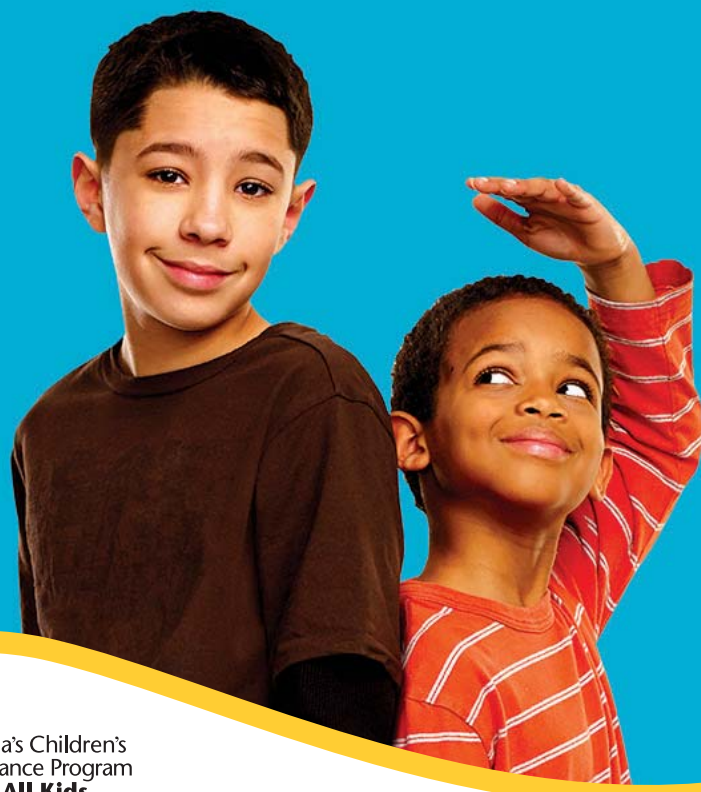


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- Hospitalization
- Dental
- Eye Care
- Eyeglasses
- Behavioral care
- Specialty care
- More

CHIP covers uninsured kids up to age 19 in Pennsylvania. It doesn't matter why your kids don't have health coverage right now; CHIP may be able to help. Most kids receive CHIP for free. Others can get the same benefits at a low cost.

CHIP is brought to you by leading health insurance companies who offer quality, comprehensive coverage.

If your income is below CHIP guidelines, your child may be enrolled in Medical Assistance.

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TOM WOLF, GOVERNOR



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- Servicios dentales
- Cuidado de la vista
- Anteojos
- Salud del comportamiento
- Atención especializada
- Mucho más

CHIP cubre a niños sin seguro hasta los 19 años en Pennsylvania. No importa cuál sea la razón de que sus hijos no tienen cobertura médica ahora; CHIP puede ayudarle. La mayoría de niños reciben CHIP gratis. Otros pueden obtener los mismos beneficios a un bajo costo. CHIP es traído a usted por las principales compañías de seguros médicos que ofrecen cobertura de calidad e integral.

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