# Congenital Heart Defects Resources

Explore these resources to find information, products, services and support for children with congenital heart defects and their families.

## Cardiology Services
- Congenital Heart Information Network (C.H.I.N.) [tchin.org](http://tchin.org)
- It’s My Heart [www.itsmyheart.org](http://www.itsmyheart.org)
- Kids with Heart National Association for Children’s Heart Disorders [kidswithheart.org](http://kidswithheart.org)

## General Information
- American Heart Association (AHA) [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- Mayo Clinic [www.mayoclinic.com](http://www.mayoclinic.com)
- National Birth Defects Prevention Study (NBDDS) [www.nbdps.org](http://www.nbdps.org)
- National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NIH) [www.nhli.nih.gov](http://www.nhli.nih.gov)

## Parent Resources
### Advocacy: Awareness & support
- Congenital Heart Information Network (C.H.I.N.) [tchin.org](http://tchin.org)
- It’s My Heart [www.itsmyheart.org](http://www.itsmyheart.org)
- Little Hearts [www.littlehearts.org](http://www.littlehearts.org)
- Mended Little Hearts [www.mendedlittlehearts.org](http://www.mendedlittlehearts.org)

### Book reviews & book store
- Congenital Heart Information Network (C.H.I.N.) [tchin.org](http://tchin.org)
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### Brochures (free of charge)
- American Heart Association (AHA) [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)

## Care packages: Deliver gifts & supplies during a child’s hospital stay
- Mended Little Hearts [www.mendedlittlehearts.org](http://www.mendedlittlehearts.org)
- Saving Little Hearts [www.savinglittlehearts.com](http://www.savinglittlehearts.com)

## Custom capes: Kids design and wear these during doctor visits & hospital stays
- Heart Heroes [www.heartherocapes.com](http://www.heartherocapes.com)

## Medical transport services: Rides for kids requiring specialized treatment
- Kids with Heart National Association for Children’s Heart Disorders [kidswithheart.org](http://kidswithheart.org)

## Paying for medical care: Financial assistance, health insurance, income assistance & foundations
- Congenital Heart Information Network (C.H.I.N.) [tchin.org](http://tchin.org)
- Hope for Hearts Foundation [hopeforheartsfoundation.org](http://hopeforheartsfoundation.org)
Research matching: Connect with child research studies on medicines & treatment for congenital heart defects

- Bench to Bassinet www.benchtobassinet.org
- Pediatric Heart Network www.pediatricheartnetwork.com
- Research Match www.researchmatch.org

Transplant resources: Learn about heart transplants & addressing children’s needs through this process

- Children’s Organ Transplant Association www.cota.org
- Congenital Heart Information Network (C.H.I.N.) tchin.org
- Kids with Heart National Association for Children’s Heart Disorders kidswithheart.org
- Transplant Living (pediatric) www.transplantliving.org

Online chats & networking: Connect with other parents across the country.

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Parent matching: Get to know others with kids with congenital heart defects

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- Parent to Parent of New York State parenttoparentnys.org
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Stories & pictures of families who have kids with congenital heart defects

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Connect with Others

Family events & camps: Destinations for kids with congenital heart defects

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Local support groups: Education & networking resources

- Children’s Heart Fund (Mount Sinai) www.childrensheartfund.net
- Mend-A-Heart Support Group (NYU Medical Center) pediatric-cardiac.med.nyu.edu
- Mended Little Hearts (Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Binghamton, and Lynbrook) www.mendedlittlehearts.org

Membership organizations: Connect with other families, get information & learn about research

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Bureau of Environmental & Occupational Epidemiology
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www.health.ny.gov/diseases/congenital_malformations/cmrhome.htm