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Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Inc. (HSCSN) Welcomes D.C. Residents Back-To-School with Food, Fitness and Fun.

Back-To-School Bash on September 28th addresses social determinants of health through the collaborative efforts of over 20 partnering organizations.

Washington, D.C. (September 16, 2019) – Continuing efforts to support community needs, Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Inc. (HSCSN) and the National Children's Center, Inc. (NCC) have partnered with over 20 local organizations to host the second annual **Back-To-School Bash** on <u>September 28th</u> from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the NCC Early Learning Center Campus, 3400 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., SE. Washington, DC.

The Back-To-School Bash will include a full-day of entertainment incuding a petting zoo, roller skating, carnival games, face painting backpack giveaways and educational resources for the entire family. Former NFL Washington Redskins wide receiver Darnerien McCants will also demonstrate easy at-home fitness drills for students to utilized throughout the school year. The event will also offer HSCSN enrollees and D.C. residents information from organizations that provide resources for social determinants of food insecurity, housing equity, education, advocacy and leisure services; in addition to promoting health access for immunization and wellness programs.

"HSCSN's ultimate goal is to improve the quality of life for our enrollees and their families," said Victor Fields, HSC Health Care System Executive Vice-President of Managed Care & HSCSN Chief Executive Officer. "We are excited to host yet another community event with the focus of ensuring our youth exceed not only in school but also in life. Our Back to School Bash is the perfect example of community partners working together to offer empowerment through adovacy and education."

Earlier this year, HSCSN's Wellness Programs and Education Department relocated to NCC's Ward 8 location in South East D.C. to create community health and education hub services to support children, youth and families with special health needs.

"At NCC, our Early Learning and Early Intervention Center is Child Centered and Family Focused. This event provides an opportunity to link our families with resources and comprehensive, coordinated services along with some good, old fashioned fun with our

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Visit <u>hschealth.org/back2school</u> for more information and to RSVP.

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About The HSC Health Care System

The HSC Health Care System is a nonprofit health care organization committed to serving families with complex health care needs and eliminating barriers to health services. The System combines the resources of a care coordination plan (Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Inc.), pediatric specialty hospital (The HSC Pediatric Center), and home health agency (HSC Home Care, LLC) with its parent organization, The HSC Foundation, to provide and coordinate innovative, high quality, community-based care for individuals with complex needs and their families. HSC empowers all we serve to improve the quality of their lives.

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Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Inc. (HSCSN)

HSCSN is a dedicated health plan for Supplemental Security Income-eligible youth and young adults in the District of Columbia; providing a comprehensive set of benefits for Medicaid recipients up to 26 years of age. The plan offers health care, long-term care, and social support services for members including individualized care coordination, behavioral health services, support programs, and respite care.

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About National Children's Center, Inc.

National Children's Center, Inc. (NCC) is a 501©3 non-profit organization that is one of the region's largest non-governmental providers of services for the intellectually and developmentally disabled, offering an array of services to infants, children, and adults in the Washington metropolitan area. NCC's community-based services include Early Learning Centers, Schools, Transition Services, Adult Vocation Services, and Residential programs. These personalized services have benefited thousands of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing educational development and life skills that lead to empowerment, employment, and independent living.

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