



TeleFamilies Times

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Keeping families at the center of health care.

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Connects families of children with special health care needs and disabilities with one another. Provides support and information to locate community resources and navigate the health care system. Promotes patient and family-centered care and cultural competence across all systems. Collaborates with other health and disability organizations and state agencies.

Spreading the Word about the TeleFamilies Study

An important part of the TeleFamilies Study is sharing progress with other health care providers and researchers. Since the study began, we have presented at seven local, national and international conferences. A poster describing the TeleFamilies Study was presented at the 2010 University of Minnesota School of Nursing Research Day and a presentation describing telehealth care coordination was given at the same conference in 2011. Posters describing the TeleFamilies Study and the advanced practice nurse as care coordinator for children with special health care needs were presented at the 2010 and 2011 Children's Hospitals and Clinics Research Days. A poster describing the TeleFamilies Study was presented at the 2011 Mayo Clinic Annual Nursing Research Conference. A presentation describing the role of the TeleFamilies advanced practice nurse care coordinator was given at the Midwest Nursing Research Society

Conference in Columbus, OH. Two presentations describing the telehealth technology used by TeleFamilies were given at the American Telemedicine Conference in Tampa FL. A poster describing the advanced practice nurse as care coordinator for children with special health care needs was presented at the international Family Nursing Conference in Kyoto, Japan. More presentations are planned for 2012, as we focus on spreading the word about the TeleFamilies Study.

Note: Information shared at conferences is what researchers refer to as summary or aggregate information. For example, to describe the ages of the children enrolled in the study, we say 44% are age 2-5. We do not share individual data or data that could be used to identify your child.

Stan Finkelstein, PhD

Professor and Program Director

The Newest TeleFamilies Team Member

"The central struggle of parenthood is to let our hopes for our children outweigh our fears."

- Ellen Goodman

As you are well aware, the TeleFamilies Study collects a lot of information. Sara joined the study to help collect the monthly calendar information and annual survey packets. Like Cathy and Rhonda, Sara is a graduate student at the University of Minnesota. In her spare time, Sara enjoys hiking,

biking, traveling, and cooking.

Sara is a native 'Cheesehead' (just like Cathy and Rhonda), and can be found cheering on Wisconsin sports teams! Hmmm, who do you think the "Cheeseheads" cheer for when the Packers or Badgers are in town?

Sara works closely with Cathy and Rhonda. Her telephone number is 612-625-9127 and she may be calling you soon :)



Meet Ann Garwick, PhD, RN, LP University of Minnesota Study Investigator

Ann Garwick is a nurse and psychologist who has a keen interest in improving care coordination and the quality of care for children with special health care needs and their families. Dr. Garwick is a Professor and Associate Dean for Research in the School of Nursing at the University of Minnesota, where she directs the Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs. Her clinical and research interests focus on

family-centered, culturally relevant care and developing web-based and telehealth interventions to enhance the quality of life for children and adolescents with chronic health conditions.



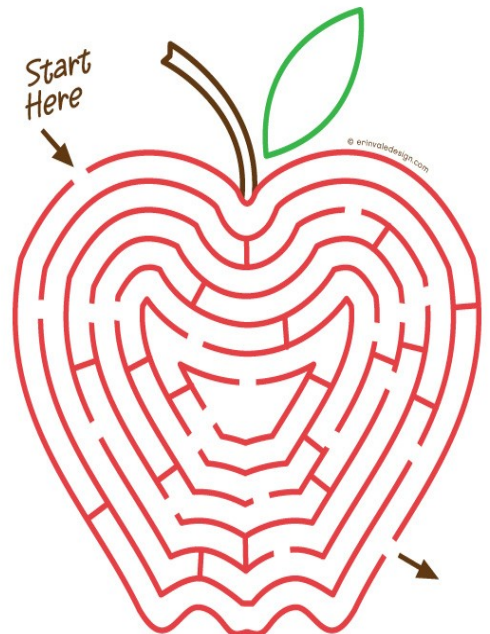
Calling all artists! We would like to include your child's artwork in upcoming editions of TeleFamilies Times.

Please send a colorful drawing of ANY skill level, to TeleFamilies via mail or email (See Contact Information below). All submissions will be included in upcoming newsletters.

Kids Corner

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Apple Maze activity from: <http://whipup.net/2009/09/30/diy-free-printable-childhood-cancer-awareness-activity-colouring-sheets/>



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