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This year our Center is celebrating its 25th anniversary and planning future initiatives.

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Planning Future Directions

On June 21, 2018 the Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs convened a Priority Setting with Stakeholders forum to inform our strategic planning and foster collaborative initiatives to advance the knowledge and science, care and outcomes for children and youth with special health care needs (ages 0-21) and their families. Stakeholders included family caregivers, pediatric nursing and interdisciplinary maternal and child leaders in health care and representatives from clinical and community-based organizations serving children and youth with special health care needs and their families. Stakeholders participated in working groups and a harvesting exercise to identify: 1) essential competencies for providers; 2) critical
areas for future research; and 3) priorities for quality improvement in the care of
CSHCN and their families within and across home, community and health care
systems. Next, stakeholders engaged in setting priorities that will inform our Center’s
education, research and outreach initiatives. The role of the Center was described
as being a neutral hub, a convener, and a valuable connector and resource for
learning, research and expertise across stakeholders and community and health
care systems.

A summary of the Priority Setting with Stakeholders report is available on line at
z.umn.edu/CSHCNHarvestReport2018. We gratefully acknowledge the stakeholders
who contributed to this report.

We welcome your feedback and future partnerships and collaborations.