

Washington State Medical Home Leadership Network
“Putting Medical Homes Into Practice”
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10:10 Panel Discussion

Using Community Collaboration to Implement Medical Homes

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Nine Effective Strategies to move community organizations, agencies, schools and physicians into a collaborative system of health care for children using the Medical Home model.

1. Have a history – Do an unsuccessful community project and learn the barriers to high quality, cost-effective medical care for all children.
2. Form a coalition of community partners around a health goal.
3. The passion and commitment of the coalition must inspire funding and in-kind staffing service from the community to overcome barriers to care for all children.
4. Each community partner of coalition should identify a like-minded staffer at the state level. Let them know you are a high need county with limited resources, but you know how to collaborate.
5. Create your own 501 (c)(3) non-profit to serve the unmet health care needs of children in your county or area.
6. Obtain a \$10,000 American Academy of Pediatrics CATCH grant and do community strategic planning around a health goal utilizing a consultant/facilitator.
7. Educate all pediatricians regarding the Medical Home model and show them how to make it cost-effective for their clinics.

A Community Pediatrician

Collaborates with family and community partners

Advocates for accessible healthcare for all children

Recognizes that the community is always significant to the health of children

Enlarges the focus from one child to all children in the community

Synthesizes clinical practice and public health to provide optimal healthcare in a medical home