

## ABSTRACT

**Project Title:** Great MINDS – Medical Homes Include Developmental Screening

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**PROBLEM:** Children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) and their families continue to struggle to overcome barriers to systems of care. The National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs shows serious gaps in services still occur at all levels including (1) inadequate insurance and financing, (2) inadequate early screening and care coordination, (3) gaps in provider knowledge about developmental screening, community based resources and early intervention systems, (4) inadequate training and education of families and providers, (5) unfamiliarity with support needs of culturally diverse families with CYSHCN, and other factors.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: Goal 1:** Increase collaboration with community/state partners so more children have a medical home (MH). Obj. 1: Develop statewide and sustainability plans.

Obj.2: Integrate pediatric issues into current Washington Patient-Centered MH Collaborative.

Obj. 3: Spread Community Asset Mapping (CAM) process. Obj. 4: Contribute to the

Developmental Screening Partnership Committee. **Goal 2:** Facilitate continuing education and

technical assistance to pediatric providers so they implement MH in their practices. Obj. 1:

Increase parent readiness to actively collaborate with providers in implementing

family/professional partnerships. Obj. 2: Support WA Chapter AAP (WCAAP) to provide

continuing education and technical assistance to pediatricians and other providers. Obj. 3:

Expand support to WA's MH Leadership Network (MHLN) and provide a Summit. Obj. 4:

Participate in National Jumpstart Learning Collaborative. **Goal 3:** Develop policy

recommendations to support MH. Obj. 1: Monitor MH efforts, Obj. 2: Create policy

recommendations. Obj. 3: Determine feasibility for a universal developmental data system.

**METHODOLOGY:** CSHCN Title V Program will build on relationships with partners and strengthen WA's unique MHLN to spread MH for children and use the innovative CAM process

to improve services at the community level. CSHCN Program will also team parents and

pediatricians from WCAAP to provide continuing education and technical assistance to

providers across the state on MH, developmental screening, family-centered care and finding

resources in their communities in WA. **COORDINATION:** Title V will coordinate with state

WCAAP, UW MH Project, and parent organizations such as Family to Family Health

Information Centers to provide continuing education and technical assistance to providers.

Coordination will occur with national MCHB TA Centers for resources and materials, WA State

Medicaid and Part C Early Intervention to improve WA State rates of developmental screening.

**EVALUATION:** A comprehensive evaluation plan answers the questions: (1) Have grant

activities been effective across WA so that services for CYSHCN are more coordinated,

sustainable and accessible? (2) Have grant activities been effective in changing parent and

provider knowledge about how to use medical homes to improve services for CYSHCN?

**ANNOTATION:** The purpose of the project is to improve systems of care for CYSHCN by

improving medical homes through pairing parents and physicians to give continuing education to

providers, continuing an innovative CAM process, and working to improve developmental

screening.