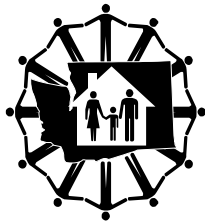


ADAMS COUNTY CHILD HEALTH NOTES: MEDICAL HOME

This newsletter provides primary health care providers current information regarding identification and management of special health issues for children. Contributing agencies and programs include: Adams County Interagency Coordinating Council – Adams County Health District, State of Washington Department of Health and University of Washington - Center on Human Development and Disability.



MEDICAL HOME: PRIMARY CARE OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

What is a Medical Home?

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) believes that all children, particularly children with special health care needs, should have a medical home. A **medical home** is not just a place, it is a “*family-centered way*” of providing health care services in a coordinated manner. Physicians and allied health professionals partner with families to optimize the child’s health and development, and assist with accessing services as close to home as possible.

“You can’t do it all by yourself. There are many other services in your community that can help. It takes extra time to get to know these people, communicate with them and use their services, but in the end it really helps. Now it is at a manageable level, I know the services and I know my families. Networking and maintaining those networks in the end saves time.”

--Rural community pediatrician.

Your primary care practice serves as the “home” where the family and child:

- ♥ *feel recognized and supported*
- ♥ *find a centralized base for their medical care*
- ♥ *find connection to other medical and non-medical community resources*

Assuring that all children with chronic health care conditions or disabilities have a medical home by 2010 is a goal for the US Maternal and Child Health Bureau, the AAP, and the State of Washington. While many primary care practices provide the key elements of a medical home.....**You don’t have to do it all by yourself!**

Getting Started: Stay in Touch with Your Partners

1. FAMILIES

- Listen to families with care and respect, and problem-solve together.
- Assure that families have access to community services, parent support programs, and specialty care providers.

2. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS

Know the **two key resource coordinators** for children with special needs in your county:

- **CSHCN Coordinator, Callie Moore, PHN – Adams County Health District**
 - Serves children with or at risk for special needs ages 0-18 years.
 - Can provide or help families connect to: public health nursing, funding sources, and family support
 - Is funded in part by WA State Department of Health and works in your local health department
- **Lead Family Resources Coordinator (FRC), Callie Moore, PHN/FRC**
 - Serves children 0-3 years
 - Can help families: arrange for further developmental testing to verify eligibility for early intervention (EI) services, explain EI services and systems, access community support programs, and discuss possible funding sources for EI services.
 - Is funded by Washington State Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program (IDEA Part C)

3. WASHINGTON STATE MEDICAL LEADERSHIP NETWORK

In Washington we have a statewide network of expert, community-based teams available to help assist you. Your community medical home team can help you identify practical tools and strategies to support key elements of a medical home in your office.

To learn more attend the:

Every Child Deserves a Medical Home Conference

November 9, 2002
Spokane, Washington

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For a list of all Washington State Medical Home Teams:
<http://depts.washington.edu/medhome>
(click on community teams)

Internet Resources

Washington State:

- Washington State Medical Home Leadership Network
<http://depts.washington.edu/medhome>
- Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs
www.cshcn.org
- Washington State Department of Health,
Maternal Child Health
www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/mch

National:

- AAP National Center of Medical Home Initiatives
www.medicalhomeinfo.org
- Center for Medical Home Improvement
<http://medicalhomeimprovement.org>

Every Child Deserves a Medical Home Conference

Saturday, November 9, 2002

Spokane, WA

Learn about practical strategies and tools to provide optimal care to children with special health needs in a changing health care environment. Topics:

- Office management practices
- Care coordination
- Transitioning children with special needs to adulthood
- Coding and billing
- Family and community partnerships

Sponsored by: AAP, Washington Chapter of AAP, Shriner's Hospital for Children, MHLN, WA State Dept. of Health

For more information: www.medicalhomeinfo.org (Click: training→upcoming sites→ Spokane)
1-800-433-9016 ext. 7081 mhtraining@aap.org

Dr. Shakti Matta, Pediatrician with Columbia Basin Health Association, is part of the faculty for the Spokane Medical Home Conference. It is not often that this conference is held in Spokane. We also have the honor in Adams County this year to have one of our physicians participating as faculty. Registration is \$50.00 and there are CME available. Please take a minute to go to the website (www.medicalhomeinfo.org) and look at the conference content. The medical home team of Adams County will be in attendance. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Note: Past issues of the Child Health Notes can also be found at the Adams County Health District website. Go to www.co.adams.wa.us, click on departments and then click on health district.*