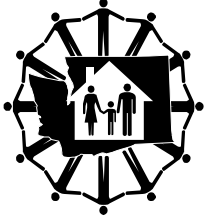


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ADAMS COUNTY CHILD HEALTH NOTES

Promoting early identification and partnerships between families, primary health care providers & the community.

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“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.

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.

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, Phone: 659-3317**
 - 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, Phone: 659-3317**
 - 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.

**Meet the members of the
Adams County Medical Home Team:**

Dr. Shakti Matta, CBHA- Phone: 488-5256
Melva Zavala, FRC – Phone: 488-5256
Callie Moore, PHN/FRC – Phone: 659-3317 or 488-2031
Ana Alvarez - Parent

For a list of all Washington State Medical Home Teams:
<http://depts.washington.edu/medhome>

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>

Special Needs Information and Resources:

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| ➤ Local: | Adams County Health Department | 509-659-3317 |
| ➤ Regional: | Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center
Health Professional Hotline
Parent Resource Line (CHRCM) | 1-800-293-2462
1-866-987-2500 |
| | Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies
(for a listing of your county's Lead FRC's) | 1-800-322-2588, 1-800-833-6388 TTD
www.hmhbwa.org |
| | Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program | www1.dshs.wa.gov/iteip |
| | Parent to Parent Support Programs of Washington | 1-800-821-5927 |
| | Washington State Fathers Network | 425-747-4004 ext. 218
www.fathersnetwork.org |
| ➤ National/
Internet: | American Academy of Pediatrics
AAP Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics
American Academy of Family Physicians
Family Village (Extensive family resources for CSHCN)
Family Voices (Links to national and state family support
networks) | www.aap.org
www.dbpeds.org/
www.aafp.org
www.familyvillage.wisc.edu
www.familyvoices.org |

Attention Providers:

There will be a provider training held on April 18, 2006 at Othello Community Hospital basement conference room, beginning at 7:30 am with breakfast. Dr. Judith Martin, Geneticist from Inland Empire Genetics Clinic, will speak to providers on the topic of Down Syndrome at 8am. This training is sponsored by the Adams County Medical Home Team.