



National Center for Medical Home Implementation

The National Center for Medical Home Implementation (NCMHI) ensure that all children and youth, including children with special needs, have a medical home where health care services are accessible, family-centered, continuous, comprehensive, coordinated, compassionate, and culturally competent.

The NCMHI works to ensure that all children and youth have access to a medical home by:

- Enhancing policies and operational standards that guide implementation of the medical home through partnerships at the national level.
- Providing resources and tools that increase implementation of the medical home at the practice level.
- Enhancing the collaboration for medical home system change at the state and community levels.
- Leveraging the American Academy of Pediatrics structure—chapters, committees, councils, and sections—to further maximize medical home implementation at all levels from local to national.

In support of its goal, the National Center provides medical home resources and advocacy materials, technical assistance, and tools to physicians, families, and other medical and non-medical providers who care for children needs so that they have access to a medical home.

Funding

HRSA awarded a total of \$1,375,000 in a cooperative agreement with the American Academy of Pediatrics for a 5 year project period beginning in 2008.

Current State Projects

- **Arizona:** The project prepares parents of children with special health care needs as community leaders and advocates for their children. Each month, families meet and use principles of participatory research to identify local issues/problems and solutions that improve health and education. In addition, youth with special health care needs have formed two groups and networked with the Youth Action Council-AZ to make friends, learn new skills, and become self-advocates.
To date, more than 150 parents and youth are participating in resource development, child advocacy, and medical home projects, and self-determination on Navajo Nation.
- **Hawaii:** The University of Hawaii Integrated Pediatric Residency Program educates and trains pediatricians who will lead the community in caring and advocating for the children of Hawaii and the Pacific Basin, with a commitment to research, and in partnership with the medical community. Through this initiative, the program expands to encompass not only the medical community in partnership, but also the families, schools, public and private institutions and organizations, and child health leaders and advocates in the community.
- **Delaware:** The Delaware Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Initiative, launched in 2003, laid a solid foundation for success in the Assuring Better Child Health and Development Screening Academy Project, which established pilot practices that utilized the Parent Evaluation of Developmental Status as a standardized developmental screening tool. After success with implementing the tool, a stakeholder's forum educate partners on the necessity and benefits of standardized screening for all children.

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