



Partnering with Medical Homes to reduce health disparities and improve outcomes

Helping Children Beat the Odds

Across our state, over 500,000 children experience health inequities that negatively affect their lives and undermine their ability to grow up healthy. Removing obstacles and creating access to quality health care is essential to reducing these disparities. Among other issues, underserved children experience:

- 77% more serious illnesses, 85% more emergency room visits, more hospitalizations (1.73 times) and (1.67) higher death rates;
- Two times more likely to have mental health problems;
- Two times as likely to be obese;
- Twice as many dental cavities; and
- More than twice as many vaccine-preventable diseases.

Sources of Data: The Report on the State of the Health of Colorado's Children by James Todd, MD, Chief of Pediatric Epidemiology, UC Denver; The Health Needs Of Colorado's Children In 2010 by The Center for Public Health Practice, Colorado School of Public Health; Colorado Health Foundation: Colorado Health Report Card

Together, we can change that. With intensive, preventive care for the whole-child (physical, mental, and oral), we can help Colorado children thrive.

Opening More Doors and More Medical Homes for Colorado Children

Since 2006, CCHAP has recruited, coached and supported over 250 pediatric and family practices, which includes over 800 providers, to provide a Medical Home for over 200,000 children on Medicaid and CHP+. A Medical Home is a family-centered, cost-effective, and coordinated approach to care that ensures a child receives preventive physical, mental, and oral health services. Benefits of a Medical Home include:

- Increased access to quality, preventive care;
- Better health for the child now and in the future; and
- Lower medical costs to taxpayers and the state.

Knocking Down Barriers for Children and Their Families

During the past six years, CCHAP has become the organization that Medical Homes, state agencies and community organizations go to for information, coaching and collaboration on sustainable programs that improve health outcomes for children. Through our efforts, in partnership with Medical Homes and other community-based organizations, more Colorado children have access to a Medical Home than ever before...But, our work is not done. Working with our Medical Home partners and you, we will strive to make Colorado a place where all children grow up healthy.

Poverty is the primary cause of health disparities in children; but by providing every Colorado child with "intensive, preventive care" through a Medical Home, we can address many poverty-related barriers that are blocking good physical, mental, and oral health outcomes for children across our state.

Steve Poole, MD
Pediatrician
CCHAP Founder

What's Next?

With a proven track record of success, CCHAP and its partners now enter our next phase. Over the next three years, we will collaborate with more than 450 practices and clinics across Colorado to address 30 health inequities still experienced by children with the poorest health outcomes. Our expanded efforts will focus on technical assistance, innovation, and healthcare systems transformation.

How CCHAP Works With Partners to Reduce Health Disparities and Improve Outcomes:

1. CCHAP Informs and Coaches

- We work to improve health outcomes of children in Colorado by informing and coaching Medical Home staff and providers on a many issues ranging from preventive care methods to care coordination.
- We provide ongoing communication and support to Medical Homes through the dissemination of information and updates regarding changes to Medicaid, as well as troubleshooting clinical and administrative issues regarding the care of children covered or eligible for Medicaid and SCHIP.
- We help Medical Homes link to community organizations that can support their efforts in an ongoing manner.

2. CCHAP Innovates

- We develop, test, and evaluate new care models and tools and share them with Medical Homes, community partners and state agencies.
- In conjunction with local community partners, we create materials, trainings, and innovative approaches to help families overcome barriers to accessing care and to good health outcomes for their children.
- We collaborate with many other organizations to determine how all the various efforts in the community can interface to avoid duplication of effort and maximize collective impact.

3. CCHAP Advocates

- We promote sustainable programs and contribute to public policy by speaking out on behalf of Colorado children, their families, and the Medical Homes that serve them.
- Our participation on local, regional, and state level workgroups ensures the needs of children and their families are addressed in the decisions, policies, procedures, and data used in the development of programs intended to serve them.

What People Are Saying About CCHAP

CCHAP is the organization we go to for anything related to Medicaid, CHP+ or underserved children.

-M. Cecile Fraley MD, Pediatrician and Practice Administrator in Durango, CO

CCHAP is the reason we have been able to devote 20% of our practice to children covered by Medicaid. Whether it is advocating for enhanced reimbursements or ensuring all of the elements of a comprehensive Medical Home are in place, CCHAP has taken the lead.

-Jay Markson, Pediatrician in Denver

“Children in Medical Homes coached by CCHAP were more likely on average to have a well child visit and less likely to visit the emergency room or be hospitalized during the 12-month evaluation period than children receiving care at sites not coached by CCHAP in the Denver Metropolitan area.”

-CCHAP 12-Month Evaluation (July 2007 – June 2008), The Children's Outcomes Research Program