

Helping All Children Reach Their Full Potential

Connecticut Children's Office for Community Child Health

Supporting Practices Affiliated with Connecticut Children's Clinically Integrated Network

Connecticut Children's Office for Community Child Health (Office) is a national leader in addressing critical issues that adversely affect children's health, development and well-being. The Office's programs, and its community-based partners, represent all sectors that impact child outcomes, such as child health services, family support, early care & education, food & nutrition, housing, child welfare and transportation.

The Value Connecticut Children's Office for Community Child Health Brings to CIN Practices:

The Office will provide enhanced support to practices affiliated with Connecticut Children's Clinically Integrated Network to elevate provider training and enhance care for children. Such support includes:

Connecticut Children's Center for Care Coordination connects children and families to medical, behavioral, educational, legal and social services. Its services are free for all children up to age 21. The Center will:

- Offer care coordination services to families during inpatient stays.
- Connect families to regional care coordination resources when discharged, upon request.
- Connect practices to regional care coordination resources to increase knowledge about available services and to access trainings.
- Serve as a liaison between practices and Connecticut Children's ambulatory nursing and social work teams.
- Provide practices with training on the medical home model and Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework.

Connecticut Children's Injury Prevention Center (IPC) has a decades-long history of working with physician practices to increase understanding among families about preventing injuries. The IPC will provide the following enhanced supports to CIN practices:

- The IPC's ***Safe Kids Connecticut*** program will offer safety materials to practices twice per year to compliment in-office anticipatory guidance on topics such as child passenger safety, bicycle helmets, water safety, teen driving, suicide prevention, and firearm storage.
- IPC staff and faculty will provide workshops for practices on safety and wellness topics in line with American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines.
- Practices can request IPC support for a community activity once per year, such as a school safety presentation or a safety fair.

Connecticut Children's Healthy Homes Program has helped more than 2,000 families make their homes lead-safe and free of housing-related health hazards such as mold, moisture, asbestos and injury risks. Healthy Homes will offer the following services:

- Assess and mitigate lead hazards, mold, asbestos and safety risks in patient homes.
- Educate referred households on best practices for maintaining a healthy and safe home.
- Provide training to practices on the **Educating Practices** Healthy Homes module.
- Screen and refer practice households to utility-sponsored weatherization programs.

Help Me Grow National Center Learning Collaborative

The Help Me Grow National Center, in partnership with the Child Health and Development Institute (CHDI), will offer CIN practices exclusive access to a learning collaborative on a nationally tested and refined model to mitigate the impact of toxic stress in children. The collaborative will feature:

- Practice-based training sessions from **Educating Practices**, a model developed by CHDI that is supported by the Office, on the latest developments in pediatric primary care.
- Quality improvement projects that increase practice proficiency in traditional methodology and strengthen practice capacity to identify, assess, and refine small tests of change. Such projects are eligible for Maintenance of Certification credits.
- Opportunities to connect virtually to other CIN practices to facilitate knowledge-sharing, problem-solving, and dissemination of relevant resources.
- Enhanced access to community resources such as Help Me Grow Connecticut, which provides care coordination support to link children and families to community-based supports.
- Access to emerging recommendations and related resources from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Easy Breathing is an asthma management program that ensures children, families and physicians work together to manage asthma symptoms using national asthma guidelines. The program has successfully reduced emergency department visits, hospitalizations and school absences in Hartford. CIN practices statewide will be able to leverage the program to enhance care for their patients.