



Imagine Different...Achieve Different Coalition

FAST FACTS: Medical Homes

Overview

Many pediatric primary care practices in Pennsylvania are becoming “Medical Homes” for children with special health care needs. Pediatrics offices and health clinics must meet a set of standards to be called a medical home. Medical homes provide children, youth and young adults with more than routine health care. In Pennsylvania, the Department of Health and the PA Academy of Pediatrics worked together to create the PA Medical Home Initiative.

In medical homes, a team of people partner with each family to make sure that their child’s medical *and non-medical needs* are met. This team works with you to identify and arrange services and supports for your child. Depending upon your child’s needs, members of the team may be your child’s doctor, nurse, health educator, care coordinator, social worker or other helping professional. As your child’s parent, you are an important member of the team.

Medical homes partner with families to obtain and coordinate specialty care, other health care services, educational services, in and out of home care, family support, and other public and private community services that are important to the overall health of the child and family.

How do I get started?

The pediatric practice your child goes to may already be a medical home. If so, talk with them about ways they can help you and your child. To find a medical home in your area:

- Contact the PA Medical Home Project at <https://pamedicalhomeprogram.org> or call the PA Chapter of the AAP at 484-446-3000.
- Review medical home information and resources at the PEAL Center: <https://www.pealcenter.org/access-to-medical-home/>.
- Ask the PA Chapter of the AAP to help: email paaap@paaap.org or call 484-446-3000 and ask if they know of a pediatric medical home near you.
- Contact the PA Bureau of Family Health, Division of Community Systems Development and Outreach at 717-772-2763.

- Find a partial listing of medical homes in PA (some that serve children and some serve adults) at <https://www.pcpcc.org/initiatives/pennsylvania>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

HealthyChildren.org
<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/health-management/Pages/A-Medical-Home-Where-Everybody-Knows-Your-Name.aspx>

National Resource Center for Patient/Family-Centered Medical Home
https://dsc.uic.edu/dsc_resource/aap-medical-home/