

Envisioning NEXT GENERATION PEDIATRICS



An Evolution of the Family-Centered Medical Home

Pediatrics is different than adult medicine.

The needs, issues and diversity of children are unique to those of adults.

The pediatric medical home team, under the direction of a primary care pediatrician, is in the best position to address these needs and issues.

The medical home team needs to respond to the growing diversity of children and families.

UNIQUE NEEDS OF CHILDREN

Unlike adults, children depend on their family as the primary support in their life. Family and caregivers are their constants. Children are different than adults in the following ways.



DEVELOPMENTAL CHANGE

Care enhances a child's development and is habilitative, not rehabilitative.



DEPENDENCY

Children depend on their family and other adults in their community.



DIFFERENTIAL EPIDEMIOLOGY

Children are healthy, for the most part. Primary prevention is the main focus.



DEMOGRAPHY

Children experience disproportionate rates of poverty. They are more racially and ethnically diverse than adults.



HEALTHCARE DOLLARS

Overall costs related to child health are small. Return on investment is experienced over the long-term.

When children experience excessive stress and for long periods of time, learning, behavior and health across the lifespan may suffer.



Community partners play important roles in the lives of children.



EARLY INTERVENTION



CHILDCARE



HEAD START



SCHOOL



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



The numbers of children with medically complex conditions and the prevalence of chronic health conditions is

RISING↑

27% of children are living with a chronic health condition.



45% of U.S. children live in a low-income household



25% of all U.S. children are of Hispanic origin



21% of all U.S. children live in a food insecure household



40% of children in the U.S. who needed mental health treatment did not receive it



46% of children in the U.S. have experienced at least one adverse childhood experience (ACE)

PREDICTORS OF CHILD HEALTH OUTCOMES

GENETIC CODE



ZIP CODE



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