

# Family-Centered and Team-Based Care Models that Drive Health Equity Across Generations

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**Equitable outcomes for people** that improve the overall wellbeing of populations facing the greatest needs and health disparities.



# Agenda

- Welcome
- Advancing Integrated Models Initiative
- Primary Care Pediatric Population Health:  
Asthma & Maternal Mental Health
- Accelerating Child Health Transformation Initiative
- Centering Family Advocacy as a Tenet of Anti-Racist Care
- Panel Discussion and Q&A



# The Advancing Integrated Models Initiative

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# About the Advancing Integrated Models Initiative

- 2-year, multi-site initiative funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Targeting populations with low incomes and people with complex health and social needs
- Goal of supporting health systems and providers in their efforts to strategically integrate and align person-centered approaches to care, including:
  - Complex care management
  - Trauma-informed care
  - Physical and behavioral health integration
  - Mechanisms that address health-related social needs

# AIM Pilot Sites

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Boston Medical Center: Center for the Urban Child and Healthy Family

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Johns Hopkins HealthCare

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Denver Health

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Hill Country Health and Wellness Center

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OneCare Vermont

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# Building Integrated Care Models: Keys to Success

- Shared definitions and language across partners
- Alignment in priorities from leadership, to front line staff, to patients and their families
- Centering equity and patient voice in planning and decision-making
- Organizational commitment to soliciting and responding to feedback from the people being served
- Relationship-centered care as a guiding principle
- Healing trauma includes focus on caring for patients and staff



# Primary Care Pediatric Population Health: Asthma & Maternal Mental Health

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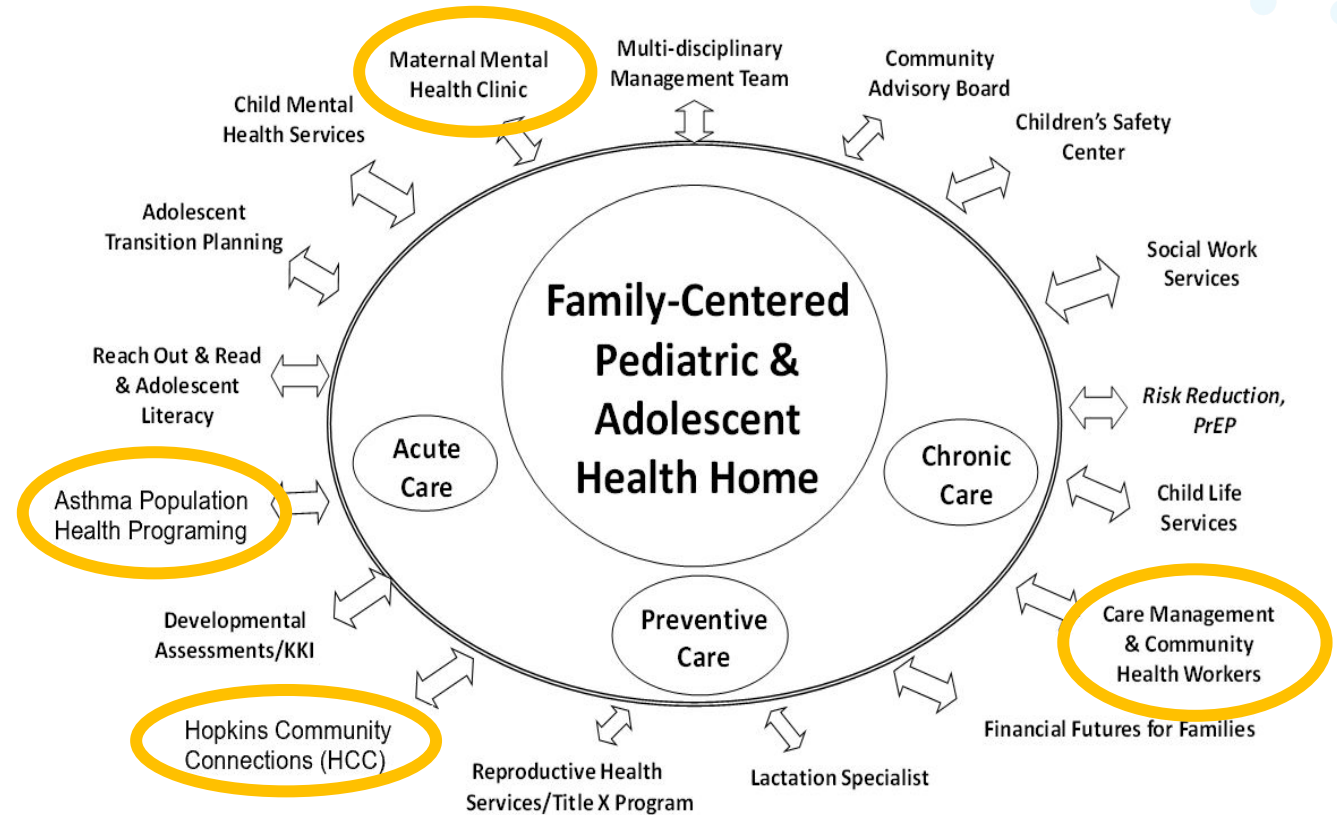
Associate Professor, Pediatrics



# Harriet Lane Clinic



- **Primary outpatient pediatrics training site**
  - 80+ Pediatric Residents
  - Fellows, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Social Workers
- **Primary Care Programs**
  - Resident Continuity & Acute Care
  - Adolescent Primary Care & Specialty
  - Adolescent & Young Adults with HIV
- **Medical Home**
  - 10,000 patients, 18,000+ annual visits
  - Low-income: 90% Medicaid/SCHIP
  - Medically complicated
    - > 40% with  $\geq 1$  chronic condition
    - Asthma, ADHD, depression



Cheng TL, Solomon BS. Translating Life Course Theory to clinical practice to address health disparities. *Matern Child Health J.* 2014 Feb;18(2):389-95.



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## Pediatric Population Health: ASTHMA



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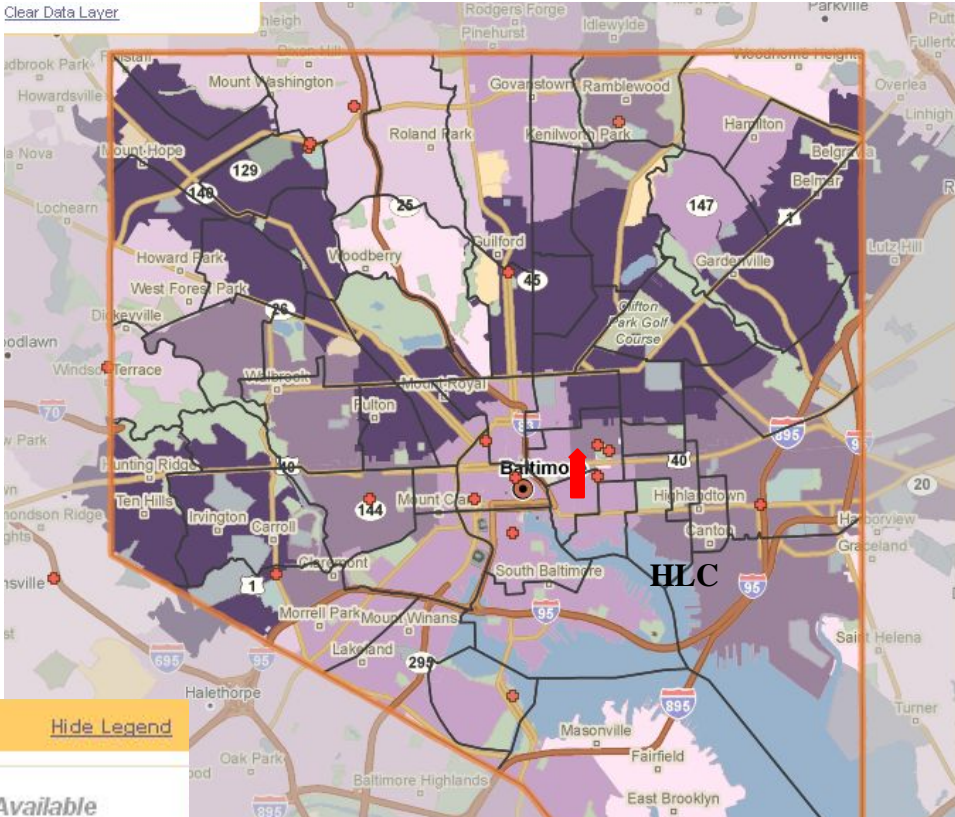
Helen Hughes, MD, MPH (HLC Site Lead)

Megan Tschudy, MD, MPH (Program Lead & Evaluation)



# Children Hospitalized for Asthma or Asthma-Related Illness

# Harriet Lane Clinic Patient Catchment

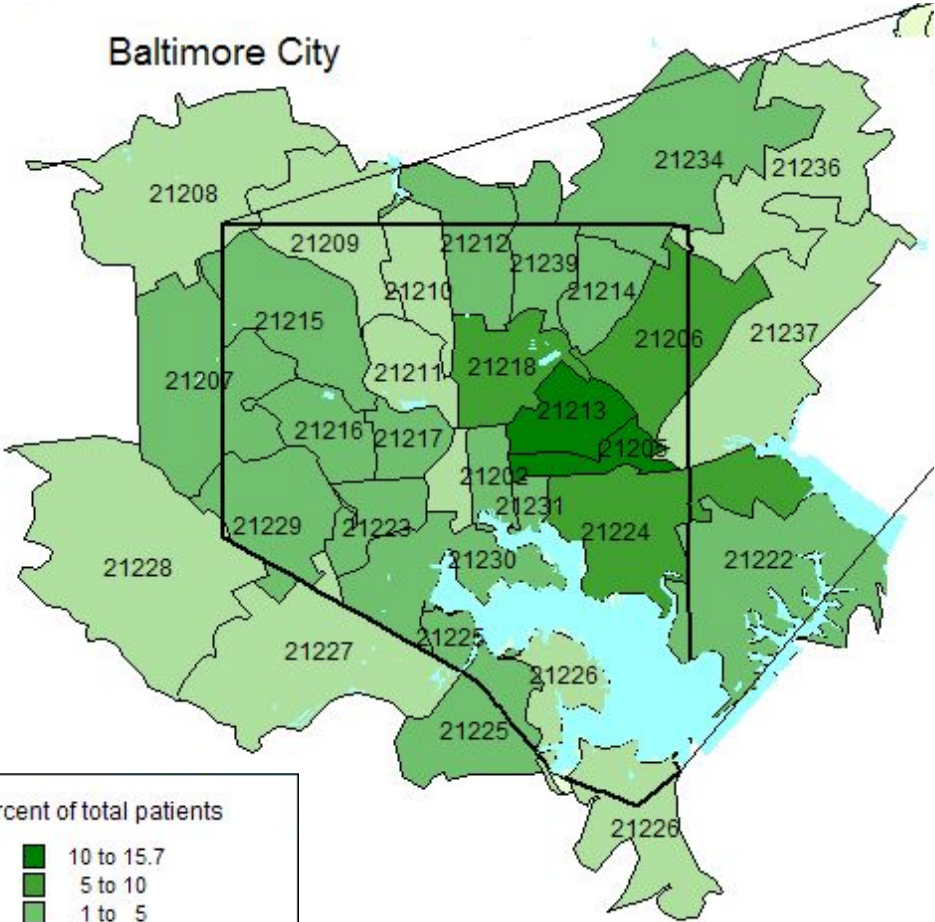


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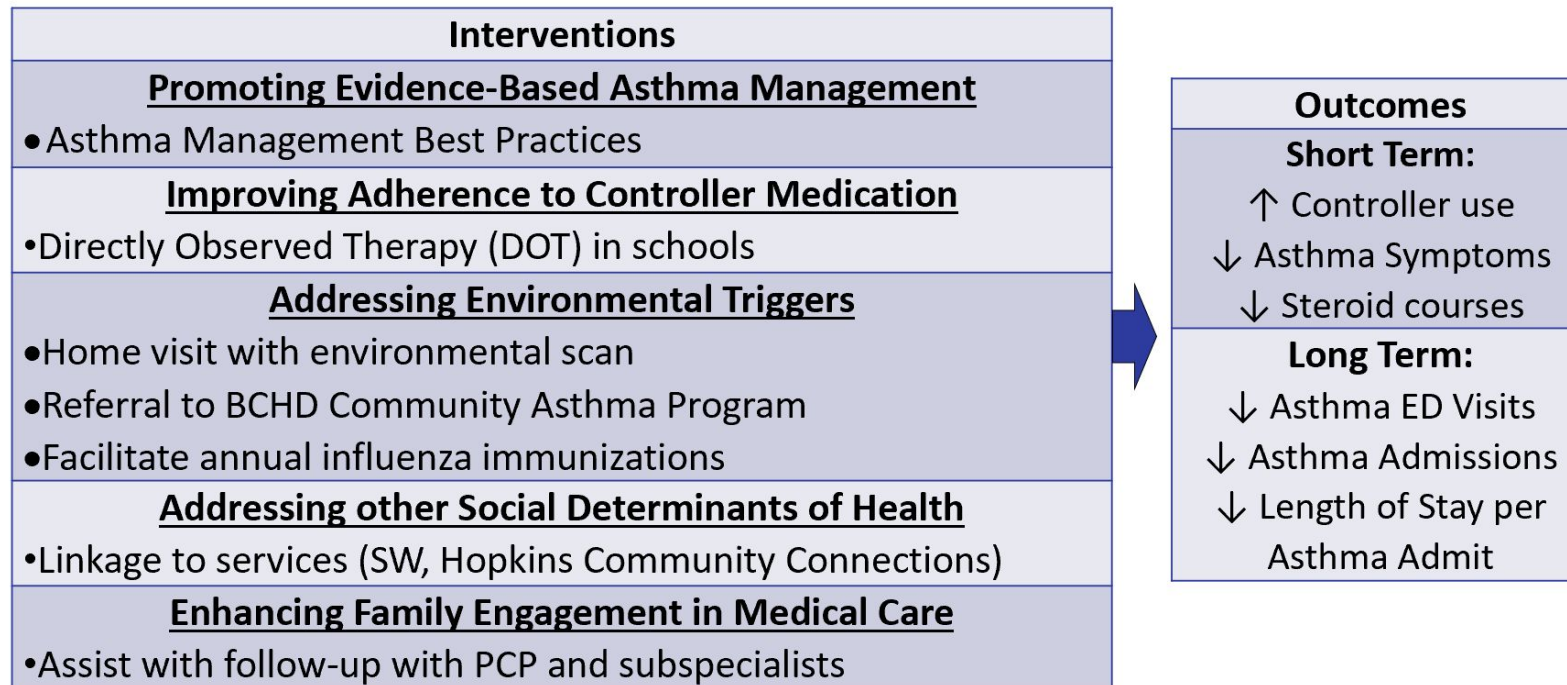


Percent of total patients

- 10 to 15.7
- 5 to 10
- 1 to 5
- 0 to 1
- 0 to 0

# Asthma: Aims & Intervention

- Integrate Community Health Workers (CHWs) into a comprehensive pediatric asthma program
- Improve asthma control through increased asthma controller medication use & addressing environmental triggers and social determinants of health (SDoH)
- Decrease asthma exacerbations - fewer emergency department (ED) visits and hospitalizations
- Develop and refine best practices to spread asthma population-based initiatives



# Asthma: Successes

- **CHW Program Integration**

- CHWs integrated with clinic
- CHWs providing navigation to address SDoH
- Demonstrated CHWs can facilitate & deliver asthma controller medication to school

- **Best Practices**

- Disseminated asthma best-practices to 100+ pediatric clinicians

- **Community Benefits**

- Sustained relationships with families
- Improved family health
- Built relationships with schools
- CHW career development

- **Spread**

- Expanding locally

## PROCESS MEASURES

### Total Outreach Contacts:

- 1000+

### Total Children Enrolled:

- 65+

### Home visits completed:

- 35+\*

### CHW “touches” per enrolled participant:

- Avg: 38 (Range 9-107)

### In School DOT therapies delivered:

- 42 controllers delivered\*

\*Home Visits and School-based care were suspended from 3/2020-9/2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic

# Asthma: Outcomes

## Utilization



>50% Decrease in ED visits



>60% Decrease in Inpatient Admissions

## Closing Care Gaps



100% well visit in past year; increased engagement in subspecialty care



96% met HEDIS AMR (Asthma Medication Ratio)

## Cost of Care



Average ED + Inpatient Cost Savings per patient/year = \$5,214.64

Avg Annual Cost Savings per patient = \$4,961.91

**Avg Annual Cost Savings = \$74,428.65**



<sup>1</sup>Costs do not reflect ambulatory pharmacy costs because pharmacy cost files were not available at time of analysis.

<sup>2</sup>Avg CHW caseload at one time point = 15 patients. Total patients who have been enrolled fully in program is 65. With CHW outreaching to >300 patients.



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## Two Generation Approach Supporting Mothers and Children In Pediatric Primary Care



Shannon Adams – Community Health Worker  
Tracy Carter – Maternal and Infant Case Manager  
Laura Prichett – Data Analyst (BEAD Core)  
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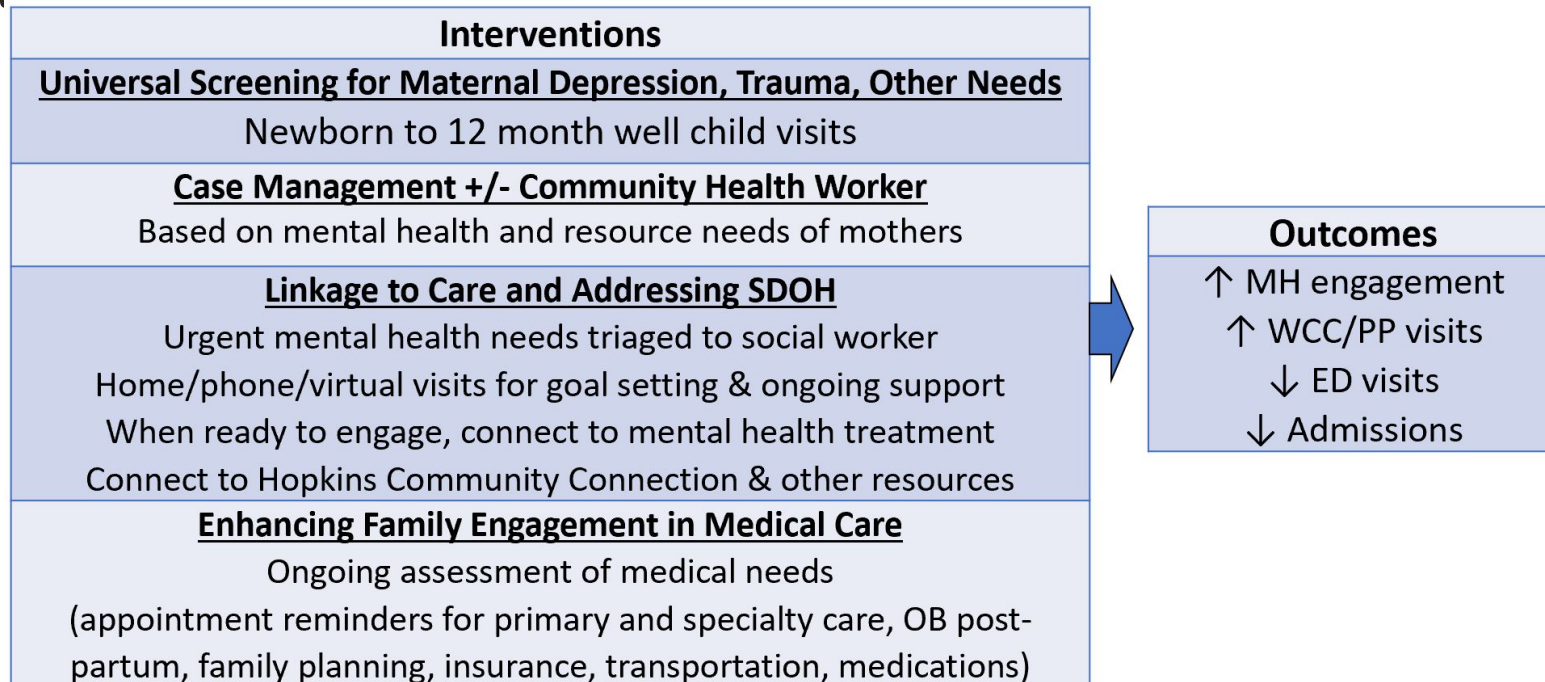


# Maternal Mental Health Background

- Maternal depression prevalence as high as 50% in mothers living in low resource communities vs. 10-15% in general population
- Associated with **poor physical health outcomes, higher healthcare utilization** in mothers/children, and **poor developmental and educational outcomes** for children
- **Maternal and child outcomes improve with treatment**
- Pediatric primary care is an opportune venue to identify, support mothers and connect them to treatment

# Maternal Mental Health Program: Aims & Interventions

- Building on an existing model of integrated intensive case management and mental health support in pediatric primary care clinic by **integrating CHWs** to:
  - **Improve** attendance to routine well childcare
  - **Decrease** acute care/emergency department visits for mothers and children
  - **Increase** mothers' adherence with postpartum visits, linkage to primary care



# Maternal Mental Health Program: Successes

- **CHW Program Integration**

- CHW integrated with Case Manager and clinic staff
- CHW able to connect with mothers experiencing trauma, depression and address SDoH
- CHW adapted to virtual environment

- **Best Practices**

- Following AAP recommendations for screening and linking mothers with depression to care

- **Community and Family Benefits**

- Strengthened relationships with community-based mental health providers
- Improved overall family health (connected children, siblings, other relatives to care)

- **Spread**

- Shared model with peer academic institutions
- Starting local expansion to FQHCs (pediatrics/internal medicine/OB clinics)

# Maternal Mental Health Program: Cost Savings



- **Inclusion Criteria**

→ 81 mothers/218 children (enrolled 3/2018 - 3/2019) to capture at least 12 months pre/post enrollment

- *Excluded children  $\leq 1$  year since no visit data 12 month pre-enrollment*
- *Due to COVID19 impact on utilization, limited to enrollment up to 3/2019*

- **Data**

→ PPMCO claims data (3/2017 - 3/2020)

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	Average Savings Per Patient per Year	Total Savings For All Patients per Year (n=409)
Emergency Care Visits	\$276.00	\$112,884.00
In-patient Admissions	\$584.00	\$238,856.00
<b>Total Emergency and Inpatient Care</b>	<b>\$860.00</b>	<b>\$351,740.00</b>

# In Summary

## Lessons Learned

- CHWs can provide vital consistent linkage to the medical home for children with chronic medical conditions and caregivers with behavioral health needs
- Real-time data is critical to identify patients and conduct proactive outreach
- Partnership with primary insurer has been critical to success and ensuring sustainable funding

## Success Depends On

- How you define success and who are your key stakeholders
  - Patients/families, staff, providers, health system, insurers
- Staff with lived experience who connect authentically with patients/families
- Strong partnership with key stakeholders from the beginning
- Sustainable funding (more than year to year)
- Learning from mistakes, making adjustments, and moving forward (continuous quality improvement)

# The Accelerating Child Health Transformation Initiative

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# Key Strategies & Levers for Child Health Transformation



Adopt **anti-racist practices and policies** to advance health equity



Co-create **equitable partnerships** with patients, families and providers



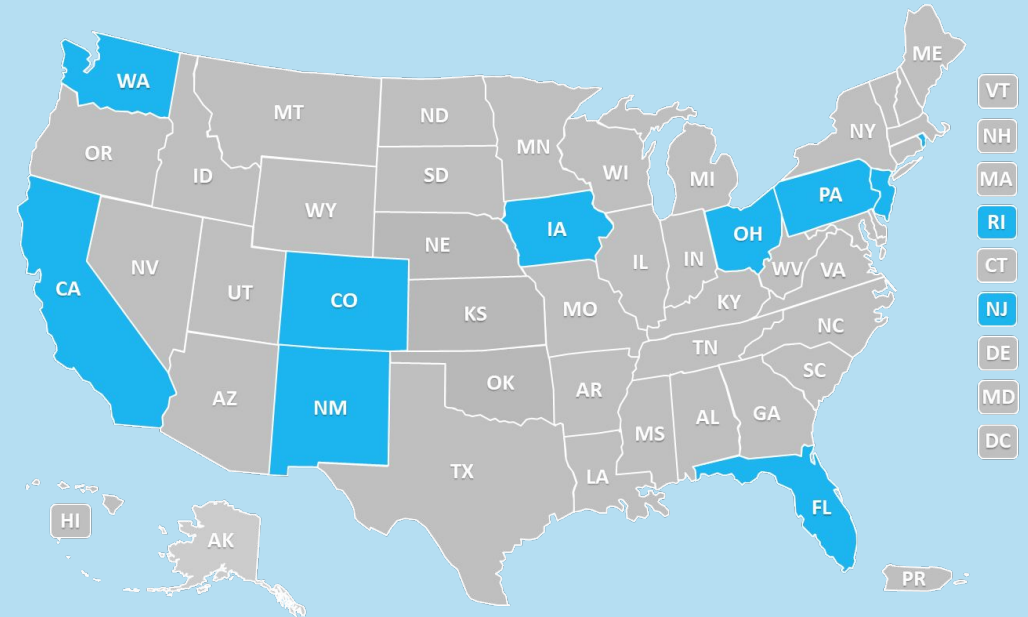
Identify **family strengths** and address **health-related social needs**

Implement **payment and accountability levers** to support and sustain transformation

# Supporting a Learning Community for Pediatric Providers



ACHT Pediatric Provider Pilot Sites







- Equity is a process & an outcome
- It's all about co-creation
- Progress moves at the speed of trust
  
- Expand care teams
- Foster communities of practice
- Center dignity & abundance
- Support diverse hiring, anti-bias training & retention
- Build capacity of family/patient leaders

# Accelerating Child Health Transformation: Centering Family Advocacy as a Tenet of Anti-Racist Care

Hasbro Children's Hospital Pediatric Primary Care

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# Hasbro Children's Hospital Pediatric Primary Care

- Primary Care for about 10,000 children and their families
- 86% Medicaid insured
- Residency and medical student training site for Brown University
- 21% have preferred language other than English
- 30.5 % identify as Black or African American
- Special programs to provide primary care for refugees, children in foster care and children with complex medical needs exist within HCH primary care
- Part of a very large System of Care with inpatient and adult focus



# Our Dilemma

Administrative  
Structure

Bureaucracy

How do we transform pediatric primary care within our **academic medical center** to be **anti-racist, patient & family centered** most *efficiently and expediently*, while keeping an eye to making the process *integrative of a multidisciplinary faculty and staff, representative of the diverse body of patients we look to serve, and sustainable?*

Culture

Inexperience with  
Family-Centered  
Care



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# Family Advocates!

- Have experience with and enthusiasm for family-centered care
- Can be a source of representation and diversity on staff
- Have a clearly defined focus on delivering and improving family-centered care
- Have been effective in other settings (ex. HCH Oncology Parent Consultant)



# Accelerating Child Health Transformation (ACHT) Pilot Site Team

- Conducted a baseline assessment of our level of family-centered care
- Introduced the role of Family Advocates to the primary care clinic
- Recruited and hired 1-2 Family Advocates
- Conducted an evaluation of the project from the perspective of clinic faculty and staff, the Family Advocates themselves, and patients
- Reviewed Family Advocate journal entries
- Conducted a post-project assessment of our new level of family-centered care



# Data Informed Action Items Summary

- Have a process to amplify strengths of each family, link families with similar life experiences, and provide peer mentoring for families and caregivers
- Help youth develop a portable medical record and meet with older youth as role models
- Share successes with families and clinic staff
- Ensure families can access, understand, and add to their medical record (demographics)
- Easier process and more accessibility for longer appointments and special appointment types (ex. “no wait” appointments) when needed
- Ensure consistent and accessible ways for patients to provide feedback on clinic practices
- Share information with families regarding delivering Family-Centered Care and allow patients to share their expertise with clinic staff



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# Why the Family Advocate Role is Essential

- Participates in direct patient interactions → allows patient voices to be heard and their specific needs to be addressed
- Helps to create a warm, approachable, welcoming environment for patients and families
- Assists patients and families in confidently navigating the clinic space
- Helps to diffuse difficult situations when they arise
- Provides feedback and suggestions for the clinic to improve





# Evolution of the Family Advocate Role

- **Differences between old and new job description**

- More active role (ex. making initial contact w/ community resources, connecting with families in the waiting room)
- Resource training and helping to update community resource lists
- Monthly peer-to-peer support groups for patients and families
- Collecting and documenting patient interactions in a daily journal to help provide QI suggestions

- **Integrating the Family Advocate Role into the Primary Care Clinic**

- Avenues for mentoring
- Opportunities to connect with Family Advocates outside of Hasbro
- Attending department meetings to help increase understanding of clinic roles and programs

- **New funding opportunities for CHW in Refugee Health Program**



# Panel Discussion and Q&A

# Thank You!

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## CHCS Resources

- <https://www.chcs.org/project/advancing-integrated-models/>
- <https://www.chcs.org/project/accelerating-child-health-transformation/>
- <https://www.traumainformedcare.chcs.org/>
- <https://www.chcs.org/project/the-better-care-playbook/>