

The Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative is a national effort of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to engage 140,000 clinicians in transforming their practices to prepare for value-based payment and improve patient outcomes. The Pediatric Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (P-TCPI) is a Washington State initiative uniquely focused on improving child health. We offer support to providers in transforming their practices and improving population health. Our clinical goals are to:

- Increase well child visits
- Increase immunization rates
- Improve behavioral health
- Improve asthma management
- Decrease avoidable use of the emergency room

Nine regions in Washington state will each have a P-TCPI team on the ground to support pediatric practice transformation, including a Practice Facilitator, a Physician Champion (a local, practicing primary care provider) and a Behavioral Health Champion (*see job description below*).

**We invite behavioral health providers and community behavioral health centers to join our work!**

P-TCPI provides an opportunity to educate primary care providers (PCPs) in your region about your services and be a community resource to them. Joining P-TCPI is a concrete way to address misconceptions about access to behavioral health services by showing how flexible community behavioral health agencies can be. Participating in the initiative is a scalable way to break down barriers to children receiving timely behavioral health care, increase communication with PCPs and improve continuity of care for your patients. P-TCPI is also a way to support primary care providers in collocating and integrating services, when possible.

***Why join the initiative?***

**Responsibility**

- Improve care for your patients by increasing communication and partnership with PCP's
- Improve your patients' health

**Advocacy**

- Be a voice for children as Washington state transforms health care
- Help inform our state in effective behavioral health integration for children

**Community**

- Join clinicians across the state who are engaging in health care transformation
- Participate in regional opportunities to deepen relationships with primary care providers

**Joy**

- Achieve better outcomes
- Receive an incentive payment
- Spend your time in ways that support pediatric patients

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## **Requirements to join the initiative**

To join P-TCPI, you'll need sponsorship from your clinic's senior management. We also require:

1. Completion of a Practice Assessment Tool twice per year, facilitated by DOH for you
2. Participation in training events, as appropriate
3. Contribution to community forums to help PCPs realize what behavioral health services are available for children in your region and to strengthen partnerships with primary care providers

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*To enroll in the initiative, complete a short form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/pedTCPiEnroll>*

## **Pediatric Behavioral Health Champion Role**

Regional Behavioral Health Champions will work with regional Practice Facilitators and Physician Champions to promote transformation efforts. The role is an exciting opportunity to help shape the future of the partnership between pediatric primary care and behavioral health providers in Washington.

### **Commitments and Requirements**

- Masters level (or higher qualifications) behavioral health provider
- Practice in region
- 2 year commitment; prefer 3 year commitment
- Work with regional Practice Facilitator to orient them to pediatric behavioral health practice
- Provide information on pediatric behavioral health resources
- Coordinate and facilitate connections between primary care and community behavioral health
- Communicate to Practice Facilitator and P-TCPI staff about front-line concerns, successes, and perspectives of both primary care providers and behavioral health professionals
- Assist in the identification of behavioral health providers to join the initiative
- Engage providers in their region through storytelling and modeling practice transformation
- Support and provide up to date information about regional behavioral health resources and referral process(es) at Pediatric TCPI Behavioral Health trainings
- Attend and encourage turnout at periodic listening sessions and trainings at the regional level

### **Benefits and Expectations**

- Stipend for 10% of effort (average of 4 hours/week), at a rate of \$38.46/hour
- Attend quarterly meetings by phone with the P-TCPI Behavioral Health Team
- Work to increase cooperation and coordination in an area critical to child health in our state

To apply to become a Pediatric Behavioral Health Champion, email [pediatric-tcpi@wcaap.org](mailto:pediatric-tcpi@wcaap.org) by July 1, 2016, including your agency CEO's endorsement of your application. Endorsement may be indicated by your CEO emailing on your behalf or cc'ing your CEO on your email and noting his or her endorsement.