

2008 CATCH Residency Training Grants

The Community Pediatrics Training Initiative (CPTI) partners with the Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Program to provide this grant opportunity targeting pediatric residency training programs. The mission of this program is to provide support to residency programs to build sustainable opportunities for residents to gain experience working on community-based child health initiatives that increase access to medical homes or specific health services not otherwise available. The 2008 grants were awarded on a competitive basis to pediatric residency programs that submitted proposals to plan and implement community-based child health initiatives as part of the training curriculum. The following residency programs received awards of up to \$12,000 for innovative planning and implementation activities to be completed over the course of 16 months.

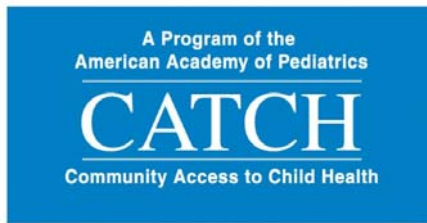
The 7 programs approved for funding are:

Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center will plan and implement a system that identifies the needs of children in homeless shelters, helps link them to services, and provides a medical home, when needed. Under the guidance of faculty and a nurse case coordinator, pediatric residents will lead a screening process for health, mental health, developmental, educational, and dental needs when families arrive at a homeless shelter. The residents and case coordinator will work together to connect children with services through community collaborative efforts.

Children's National Medical Center will provide a longitudinal experience to increase residents' knowledge of Early Head Start (EHS), teach them skills about curriculum development, and increase their ability to engage in community-based teaching. Residents will receive a didactic session on both the national and local EHS program. Each resident will then work with a faculty mentor, staff at the health center, and parents in the community to create a presentation for that EHS center. During the teaching session, residents will have time dedicated to observe the workings of the EHS and time to debrief with their faculty mentor after the presentation.

Michigan State University will bring university and community resources together to create a medical home for children with behavior and mental health problems at the residency continuity clinic at Ingham County Health Department. Child psychiatry fellows will work with pediatric residents to care for children with behavior and mental health problems. The fellows and residents will collaborate with community partners to identify ways to improve access to mental health services across the community.

Tripler Army Medical Center will pair residents with a community health nurse or clinical social worker to conduct two-week well-baby examinations in the family home. In addition to the doctor's medical examination and anticipatory guidance, the Wellness Team will jointly assess the home environment and family members' adjustment to the new baby. Appropriate resources and educational materials will be provided. Arrangements will be made for interested families to receive future home visits by the social worker and efforts will be made to develop networking and support opportunities for families through community action groups.



University of Chicago will train residents to fulfill their critical role in promoting and facilitating the establishment of a medical home. Through this program, pediatric residents will gain 1) a deeper understanding of the challenges families face in daily life in underserved communities, 2) a knowledge of the resources available to help families address these issues, and 3) tools to identify and address these issues with families in the clinical setting. Residents will take part in community tours, home visits with case managers, and participatory learning while accompanying parents seeking assistance from multiple clinic and off-site social and support services. This will be balanced with selected readings on relevant community demographics and health and social problems.

University of Connecticut will partner with Connecticut Family Voices to institute a Family Advisory Council (FAC) to guide care delivery efforts. The FAC will partner with faculty, residents, and staff in assessing quality of care in the medical home. Family-centered principles will be emphasized in the context of cultural competence skills to augment residents' medical home-based capacity to serve families in Hartford. In addition, the FAC will ensure that residents' community projects optimally and successfully involve and engage the families who will be the potential beneficiaries of such projects.

Vanderbilt University will place residents in the community and allow them to discover unmet needs, potential resources, and opportunities for improving the health and well-being of children. Through planned educational sessions in a local elementary school, involvement in the school clinic, and a community needs assessment, residents will identify factors that impact children's health. Residents will then translate identified needs into advocacy projects aimed at improving health outcomes and increasing access to the medical home. A didactic advocacy curriculum will supplement the community experiences and equip residents with skills and knowledge that they need to be effective advocates for children.

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