



Your Donor Impact

Because you give for kids

Your AAP contributions make a dramatic difference. It can begin with something very small.

A baby is placed into foster care and has an initial exam with a pediatrician. That doctor recommends a follow-up comprehensive exam, but months go by and the baby never returns for further care.

In 2011, this was a common foster care reality in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. **Dr. Kelly Hodges and her colleagues at the Milwaukee Child Advocacy Center became driven to improve the situation.**



With a CATCH grant, Dr. Hodges hired a healthcare coordinator who was responsible for following up with foster families whose children had an initial exam at the Milwaukee Child Advocacy Center. The coordinator worked to ensure children returned for comprehensive exams and ongoing care. **As a result, rates of return exams increased from 33% to 72%.**

Your AAP contributions and the ambition of Dr. Hodges made this vital improvement to healthcare for foster children become a reality. After seeing the value of the healthcare coordinator, community child welfare agencies committed funding to support the new position's salary after the CATCH funding ended. The grant project's success led to a Foster Care Medical Home Medicaid program, launched in 2014. Today, 96% of foster care children in the community receive a comprehensive exam.

"We had no idea that our small CATCH grant would lead to child welfare funding the position and eventually contribute to the development of the Foster Care Medical Home Medicaid program. Now, over 60 healthcare coordination staff are dedicated to improving health outcomes for children in foster care in our community. **The grant laid the groundwork for where we are today.**"

Your AAP donations helped ensure that more children get proper health care. **Thank you for your impact.**

We look forward to bringing you another story next month on your vital influence through AAP philanthropy.

Gratefully yours,



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