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Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Program

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Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASDs) Improving Continuity of Care for Children and Families Affected by Prenatal Alcohol Exposure Pilot Project

A PROJECT OF THE PEDIATRIC PUBLIC HEALTH PARTNERSHIP ON FASDs

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Project Description

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Program is pleased to announce an innovative pilot project for the continuity clinic setting. The project, “Improving Continuity of Care for Children and Families Affected by Prenatal Alcohol Exposure” will provide first year resident trainees with strategies, tools, and resources necessary to introduce the future pediatric workforce to key components of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASDs) most relevant to the primary care setting. The overarching goal of this project is to engage pediatric residents participating in primary care continuity clinics to recognize the clinical manifestations of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASDs), enhance their skills at screening for prenatal alcohol exposure, and implementation of a care plan in the medical home.

The project is designed in 2 phases. In phase 1, attending physicians from continuity clinics will attend a train-the-trainers session at the AAP offices in Itasca, IL to learn a curriculum to teach residents how to recognize and care for children with an FASD. In phase 2, attending physicians will implement the curriculum with year residents at their continuity clinics. Resident interns will complete educational activities that support the identification and care of children with FASDs.

We are looking for attending physicians at 5 continuity clinics to participate in this project. Participating attending physicians will attend a **mandatory, in-person training at the AAP headquarters on June 18, 2019**. The AAP will be applying for CME and MOC Part 2 credit for the attending physicians training. Participants should have a willingness and commitment to work with their continuity clinics to improve care regarding FASDs and an interest in sharing information learned with other practice staff.

Applications are due by 5:00pm Eastern Time on Wednesday, May 29, 2019.

Objectives

Upon completion of the *Improving Continuity of Care for Children and Families Affected by Prenatal Alcohol Exposure* pilot project

- Recognize the physical, neurodevelopmental and behavioral risk factors associated with prenatal alcohol exposure to support the early identification of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASDs)
- Assess all new patients for prenatal alcohol exposure
- Implement an integrated plan of care for children with, being assessed for, or assumed to have FASDs in the medical home

How to Participate in the Pilot

- Complete the online application here:
http://aap.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9BO3axbRAGXHPGR
- Pediatric resident continuity clinic programs located in the continental United States are eligible
- Up to 5 continuity clinics will be selected to participate
- One attending physician from the continuity clinic must commit to attending an in-person training-of-trainers at the AAP offices in Itasca, IL on June 18, 2019; participation in this training is required
- The continuity clinic must commit to implementing the resident training curriculum between July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019
- The format of curriculum instruction (e.g., morning conference, noon seminar, pediatrics rotation) can be determined by the residency program director and/or faculty based on the needs and structure of the continuity clinic program

Evaluation Goals

- Describe participants' experience with the resident training curriculum
- Assess participant satisfaction with the
- Provide feedback regarding content, format and delivery, and resources for both the attending physician and resident training curricula, respectively

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Calling All Pediatric Residency Continuity Clinic Programs: Participate in the Pilot of the Improving Continuity of Care for Children and Families Affected by Prenatal Alcohol Exposure Project

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