



AAP Behavioral and Mental Health Telehealth Care ECHO

The American Academy of Pediatrics is recruiting up to 20 pediatric primary care practices to join a 5-month learning collaborative aimed at supporting the provision of quality behavioral and mental health care via telehealth. Practices will engage in the ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model™, a tele-mentoring platform that leverages technology to connect experts with primary care teams in local communities, fostering an “**all teach, all learn**” approach. Participating practice teams will test, implement, and disseminate strategies that lead to an increased capacity to provide appropriate behavioral and mental health care via telehealth.

With rates of COVID-19 infections rising across the United States, it is important for practices to be equipped with the tools necessary to provide quality behavioral and mental health care for their patients via telehealth.

Benefits of participating:

- ✓ Improve access to quality behavioral and mental health care for patients via telehealth.
- ✓ Increase knowledge regarding best and promising practices for providing behavioral and mental health care via telehealth.
- ✓ Learn new quality improvement (QI) methods and track improvement through monthly data collection to achieve desired outcomes in your practice.
- ✓ Network and problem solve with others.
- ✓ *Participating pediatricians will have the opportunity to earn American Board of Pediatrics Part 4 Maintenance of Certification (MOC) credit.*

Who should apply:

Pediatric practices providing primary care who:

- ✓ Want to improve their capacity to provide appropriate behavioral and mental health care via telehealth for their patients (age 0 – 10 years)
- ✓ Can assemble a team of members that may include:
 - A primary care physician
 - A nurse
 - An additional team member such as front office person, practice manager, or care coordinator
- ✓ Provide pediatric primary care to patients age 0 – 10 years
- ✓ Can commit to fully participating in the project for 5 months, including attending one 1-hour virtual meeting per month (*Note: Two sessions will be held in March 2021.*)

The ECHO sessions will occur on the third Tuesday of each month from December 2020 – April 2021 from 6:30pm – 7:30pm CT. The first session will be held December 15, 2020. Two sessions will be held in March 2021.

Interested?

Apply online by **Friday, December 4, 2020** by clicking [here](#).

Contact AAP Project ECHO at aapecho@aap.org for any questions.

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