

Care Coordination for Early Childhood Development, Child Health, and Maternal Care

The Governor's Office of Health Transformation established a Project Team on Early Childhood Health Development with the goal of creating a single point of care coordination for early childhood services.

Research has shown that highly targeted, well coordinated care can result in better outcomes including:

- Early identification of services to children with developmental delay
 - Early intervention for children with delays and disabilities
 - Better birth outcomes
 - Better connections to medical, education, and social services
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- Six state agencies administer health programs provide early childhood health and education services.
 - These programs use different definitions of risk, different methods of client assessment, several information systems, several care planning methods, different reimbursement methods, varying worker qualification standards, and different outcome measures.
 - Services are generally not regionalized. There are administrative structures in each county for each program or group of programs.
 - Reimbursement methods used by the state do not reward outcomes.
 - Various models for better integrating services to young children are being used in other states.
 - Ohio has some innovative regional examples models of providing coordinated, accountable care. These include Integrating Care for Appalachian Children in southeast Ohio, Community HUB/Pathways (Richland County, Toledo and Cincinnati) and Partner's for Kids (through Nationwide Children's Hospital and operating in partnership with Molina Health Care, Caresource, and United Health Care.
 - The Office of Health Transformation will support a pilot which coordinates the care for young children at the community level and which builds upon successful models operating in the state to accomplish the following:
 - Target the highest risk pregnant women and children
 - Eliminate duplication of services in local communities and among providers
 - Integrate health and social services
 - Employ a regional approach
 - Pay for performance
 - Is accountable for results