

**Department of State Health Services**  
**Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program**  
**NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE MEDICAL HOMES**



The federal **Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)** has established a national performance measure that all children with special health care needs will receive regular, ongoing, and comprehensive care within a medical home.

The **Texas CSHCN Services Program** receives funding from the federal Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant and is responsible for helping to achieve this national performance measure in Texas. The CSHCN Services Program rules state that each program client should receive care in the context of a medical home. The CSHCN Services Program coordinates a Medical Home Workgroup that is developing materials and information to assist in making the medical home concept a reality for all children in Texas. For additional information on the Medical Home Workgroup, call 512-458-7111, x3026 or 800-252-8023 (toll-free) or email [cshcn@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:cshcn@dshs.state.tx.us).



The **American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)** promotes the “medical home” as best practice. The AAP’s “Medical Home Policy Statement” notes that the provision of a medical home is cost effective, ensures quality of care, and can lead to improved health outcomes through an identified primary source of care. The AAP’s medical home website (<http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org/tools/index.html>) is a valuable resource for additional information on the AAP medical home initiative.



**Texas Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (TECCS) – Raising Texas** — “Raising Texas” is an effort to strengthen Texas’ system of services so that all children enter school healthy and ready to learn. There are four workgroups that collaborate on this effort: (1) Access to Insurance and Medical Home, (2) Social Emotional Development and Mental Health, (3) Early Care and Education, and (4) Parent Education/Family Support.

**Several sites in Texas are implementing a family centered**, community based training program that focuses on educating physicians-in-training about CSHCN and their families. The innovative curriculum brings doctors out of the hospital and into the home to learn first-hand from the family’s perspective and offers a curriculum for teaching physicians and other professionals the key health care services and resources necessary for children and adults with special health care needs to live in the community. ***The following is a list of contacts for information on the Texas area physician training programs:***

**Texas Parent-to-Parent Medical Education Program (MEd)**— In response to a growing population of children with chronic illness and developmental disabilities who are living at home and actively participating in our communities, Texas Parent to Parent (TxP2P) created the MEd program to give medical residents a more complete understanding of what life with a child with special health care needs is like. The goal of MEd is to give Pediatric and Family Practice Residents and other medical professionals a comprehensive understanding of life for a family of a child with chronic illness or disability, and to teach them the skills they need to work in partnership with the family to provide high quality care. For more information, go to [www.txp2p.org](http://www.txp2p.org).

**Project DOCC (Delivery of Chronic Care)** is a training program that draws on the experiences of families of children with chronic illness/disabilities, involving them as faculty to transfer their knowledge to first year pediatric resident physicians. Since the pediatric resident physicians receive an extensive education, this is one component that focuses specifically on how families successfully manage their children’s complex needs at home and in the community. Project DOCC’s parent teachers provide physicians with a unique perspective on culturally effective, family-centered care. Project DOCC Houston is a family faculty program at Baylor College of Medicine in partnership with Texas Children’s Hospital that educates 52 first-year pediatric residents a year.

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