

Olson Huff Center

2019 Quality Improvement Projects

DD Plus: Improving Primary Care for Children with Complex Care Needs

The State is helping to support DD Plus, a collaborative pilot project between OHC and several regional pediatric primary care medical homes (PCMH), some of which have integrated behavioral health providers. Goals of DD Plus include:

- Develop integrated community-based care for kids with complex care needs
- Improve capacity of PCPs to manage kids with complex care needs
- Improve access to evidence-based behavioral treatments and supports
- Improve quality of psychopharmacology management in PCMH
- Develop a practice registry to measure outcomes and allow more systematic collaborative care

Among the activities for the first two years of DD Plus, we:

- Established monthly Collaborative Office Rounds (COR) that include brief didactic presentations on key content areas for PCPs
- Conducted additional training to behavioral health providers on evidence-based behavior therapy for children with developmental disabilities
- Made Family Navigation services available to participating practices
- Presented information about DD Plus to stakeholders in DD services in Raleigh, NC
- Initiated a practice-based registry for children with complex care needs (approaching launch at Olson Huff Center)

Dissemination activities

- The powerpoint presentations from the monthly COR are available to primary care providers who are not directly participating in DD Plus, posted online in the pediatric tool kit and offered to other pediatric clinics in the Mission Health Partners system.
- Technical information regarding the establishment of practice-based registries for this population will be made available to other MHP primary care practices
- Dr Sandler will make a presentation on this topic at MHP meeting and/or Service Line meeting in early 2020