

## **Tri-State Children's Health Improvement Consortium (T-CHIC)** ***A Patient-Centered Care Demonstration Project in Alaska***

- Medical home pilot initiative to identify and evaluate methods for expanding access to services for children and adolescents enrolled in Medicaid and Denali Kid Care.
- Funded by the U.S. DHHS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS CHIPRA demo)
- Aimed at lowering costs, maximizing staff expertise and improving patient care
- 21 clinical demonstration sites across 3 states (Alaska, Oregon and West Virginia)
  - Alaska sites: Iliuliuk Family and Health Services in Unalaska; Peninsula Community Health Services in Soldotna; South Central Foundation Primary Care in Anchorage
- Aims to drive continuous quality improvement in child health care:
  - Improve children's health and health care quality measurement
  - Integrate Health Information Technology (HIT) systems; and
  - Develop the best models of health care delivery for children and their families.
- Priorities:
  - Standardized process for identifying children & youth with special health care needs
  - Developing care plans with families
  - Managing and tracking tests, referrals and outcomes
  - Coaching and educating patients/families
  - Addressing sustainability in the practices (TCHIC funding ends in 2015)
  - Making best use of the EHR and HIE, for care management, referrals, and measuring quality improvement
- Learning collaborative to support transformation toward medical "homeness"
- Improvements areas seen in Alaska TCHIC clinical sites:
  - Care coordination
  - Identification of children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN)
  - Care continuity
  - Cooperative management between primary care provider (PCP) and specialists
  - Care teams
  - Assessing specific needs of CYSHCN and create, review and revise action plans
  - Community outreach and assessment of needs for CYSHCN
  - Electronic data management and retrieval capacity
  - Needs assessment for the patient/family and community
  - Planning and managing care
  - Measuring and improving performance
  - Communication with families
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