



OPIP IS 13: A YEAR IN REVIEW

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OPIP Is A Teenager! 13 Years Old!



The Oregon Pediatric Improvement Partnership was formed in 2010, with support and collaboration of partners from across the state, with the vision of creating meaningful, long-term collaborations of stakeholders invested in child health care quality, with the common purpose of improving the health of all children and youth in Oregon.

As we enter our 13th year, we feel fortunate to continue to be able to lead work aligned with our mission to build health and improve equitable outcomes for all children and youth in Oregon.

This annual newsletter provides a summary of select projects and some key outcomes from the work. This includes a high-level summary of the Transforming Pediatrics for Early Childhood Cooperative Agreement that was started in September 2023, efforts to Galvanize Action for Children with Health Complexity statewide and more robustly in Douglas County, and then our role in leading the Measure Stewardship for the novel and innovative System-Level Social-Emotional Metric that is included in the Coordinated Care Incentive Metric set. In a first for OPIP, we have also included a link to Early Links podcast that spotlights the collective impact work happening in Douglas County. We hope you take the time to listen and are as inspired and moved by the voices of front-line community partners and parents who were involved in the effort as we are!

Lastly, all this work is possible because of the OPIP staff, and the wonderful partnerships and spirit of collaboration that exist in Oregon. We end our annual report with a special note of gratitude for Katie Unger, who has been a key part of the OPIP team for nearly 12 years and is transitioning to an exciting new role in Health Share of Oregon.

In partnership,

Colleen Reuland, OPIP Director

Highlights

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OPIP Director**

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Pediatrics for
Early Childhood**

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in Douglas County**

**Early Links
Podcast**

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Data**

**System-Level Social
Emotional Metric**

**Integrated
Behavioral Health
Learning
Collaborative**

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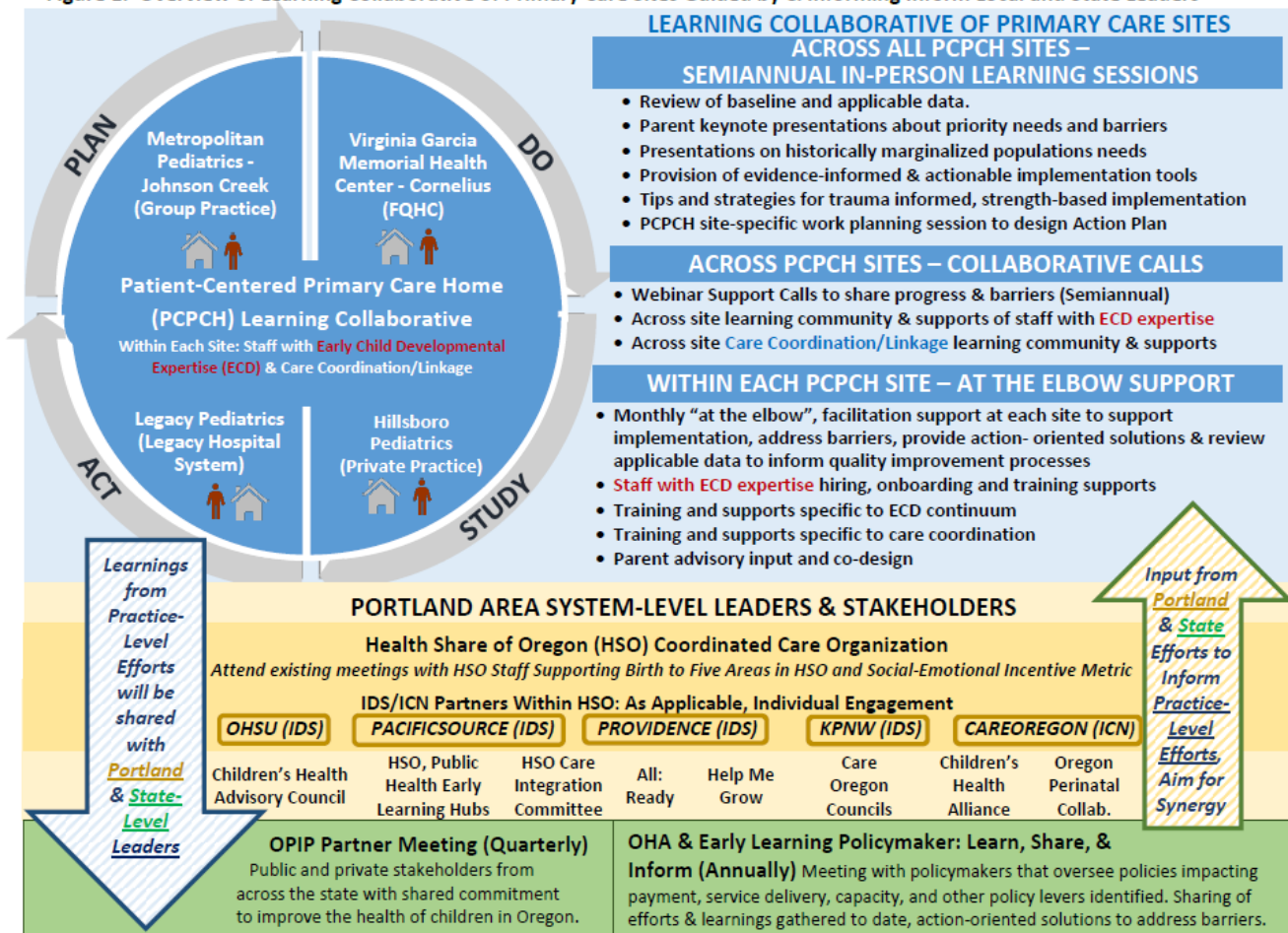
AN EXCITING NEW PROJECT BEGINS

OREGON TRANSFORMING PEDIATRICS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD

OPIP received funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and Maternal Child Health Bureau (MCHB) for the Transforming Pediatrics for Early Childhood (TPEC) cooperative agreement. This four-year cooperative agreement (9/2022-9/2026) is focused on improving equitable access to a continuum of early childhood development (ECD) services in primary care settings for children birth-to-five and improving the capacity of practices and workforce to deliver high-quality ECD services that address the holistic needs of children and families.

[Click here to see OHSU’s announcement of the award and interview with OPIP Director Colleen Reuland.](#)

Figure 1: Overview of Learning Collaborative of Primary Care Sites Guided by & Informing Local and State Leaders



The Oregon TPEC model is anchored to a IHI defined Learning Collaborative that involves four diverse primary care pilot sites in the Portland Metro area, serving over 9,000 families with children birth-to-five. This will include semi-annual in-person learning sessions and at-the-elbow improvement support, and ensure efforts are guided and informed by parents who bring their children to the four practices.

Local and state policymakers will be engaged to address sustainability, workforce strengthening, and care coordination needs that will ensure high-quality ECD more broadly.

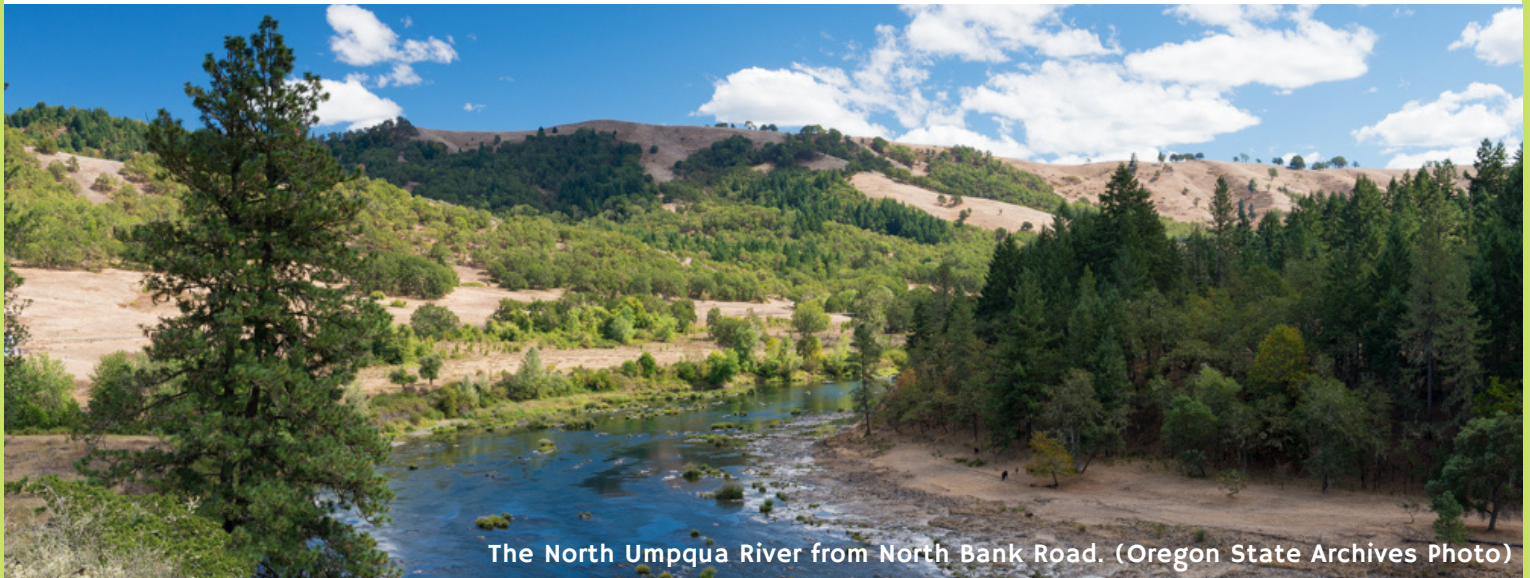
This project aims to employ a community-based approach that ensures the front-line learnings are used to inform system and state level polices, while conversely ensuring the practice-level supports and trainings are synergistic with local and state-level priorities.

SUPPORTING YOUNG CHILD SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL HEALTH IN DOUGLAS COUNTY

Galvanizing Action for Children With Health Complexity

Since 2019 OPIP has spearheaded a collaborative project aiming to support local communities to engage partners, galvanize action, and support improvement efforts focused on children with health complexity. Community-level engagement in 2022 culminated in a successful community meeting cohosted by the Umpqua Health Alliance and the Ford Family Foundation in which the community identified priority actions for 2023 to increase CCO-covered Social-Emotional Health for Young Children. Click on the links below for more information:

- [Galvanizing Action for Young Children Birth to Five with Health Complexity in Douglas County: Addressing Their Social-Emotional Health & Behavioral Health Needs](#) (Overview and Slides from the Meeting)
- [Community Summary](#): Distilled summary of key input and action steps for 2023



The North Umpqua River from North Bank Road. (Oregon State Archives Photo)

TAKING ACTION TO IMPROVE SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SERVICES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN: THE POWER OF DATA AND METRICS

A Collaborative Podcast Developed with Children's Institute

The Children's Institute leads an Early Link podcast, highlighting national, regional, and local voices working in the field of birth to five. [This episode](#) illuminates the impact access to health complexity data had for a community and the transformative work stimulate by the System-Level Social Emotional metric. As you will hear, the Douglas County community and regional CCO, Umpqua Health Alliance, remain deeply committed to improving systems and supports for children with health complexity. We want to thank the following contributors, whose voices you will hear:

Robin Hill Dunbar, Ford Family Foundation Program Officer; **Taylor Dombek**, Umpqua Health Alliance Integrated Clinical Services Director; **Alison Hinson**, Juniper Tree Counseling CEO and Licensed Clinician; **James Lytle & Karra Crane**, Douglas County parents who served as an advisors to this work.

NEW EPISODE!

 Children's Institute

Taking Action to Improve Social Emotional Services for Young Children: The Power of Data and Metrics






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Points of Pride from Our Work

HEALTH COMPLEXITY DATA 2023 RELEASED

[Click Here](#) to View Updated Child Health Complexity Reports Released in Early 2023

Oregon is the only state to release this data assessing the medical and social complexity of publicly insured children statewide, and this may be the last year.

- Want to see the data and compelling findings that show the need to prioritize and focus on children with health complexity? [Check out our summary slide deck here.](#)
- Want to hear OPIP's thoughts on the meaning of this data and potential actionable steps to ensure children with health complexity are a priority in Oregon? [Read our policy brief here.](#)

CCO-Level Metric Focused on Social-Emotional Health: Health Aspects of Kindergarten Readiness

Oregon Pediatric Improvement Partnership and Children's Institute developed the [System-Level Social Emotional Health Metric](#), and it was successfully adopted into the Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) Incentive Metric set in 2022. As the metric remains in the metric set, it continues to generate community conversation and health system action to improve access to behavioral health therapeutic services for young children birth to five throughout the state. OPIP is now leading the measure stewardship of the metric and will be developing the child-level metric which will replace the System-Level metric in 2025.

CCO INCENTIVE METRIC SET FOR 2024 AND CHALLENGE POOL METRICS UNDER CONSIDERATION

In June 2023, the Metrics and Scoring Committee confirmed inclusion of the System-Level Social Emotional Metric in the 2024 set and made a preliminary proposal for inclusion in the Challenge Pool set. Inclusion in the challenge pool will ensure more focused attention for this population in need of critical investment in their formative years. [Click here](#) to view the public comment submitted by OPIP highlighting the power of the metric to meet the goals of health equity in the state. The *final* vote of Metrics and Scoring on the Challenge Pool set is scheduled for their July Meeting, [Click here to submit a public comment in support of including the metric in the challenge pool.](#)

Integrated Behavioral Health (IBH) Learning Collaborative Focused on Providing Assessments and Brief Interventions for Children Birth to Five

Informed by community level input and the need to improve the reach of behavioral health services within primary care for young children, Health Share of Oregon has contracted with OPIP to develop and launch a multi-year learning collaborative for practices contracted with health systems within Health Share of Oregon. The Learning Collaborative will aim to help Integrated Behavioral Health in Patient Centered Primary Care Homes enhance their assessment and intervention skills for young children (birth to five) through 1) Better understanding of the intent of the Social-Emotional Health metric, 2) A framework of implementation aligned with the assessments and brief interventions captured in the child-level reach data, and 3) Provision of clinical tools, strategies and trainings to IBH providers on how to provide behavioral health services for young children in primary care.

UPDATE ON OPIP STAFFING

Katie Unger, MPH



After nearly 12 years with OPIP, Katie Unger is transitioning in early July to be the Child, Youth and Families Program Manager at Health Share of Oregon.

Katie has been an integral part of the OPIP team over the last dozen years. She has had a profound impact professionally and personally on our organization. It has been a joy to watch her grow professionally and to see her incredible ability to connect with partners, focus on the essential and impactful, and consider the system-level factors which influence the front-line work she is so fantastic at guiding and supporting.

It is exciting to see that she will be able to carry forward her passion for improving the health of children in her new role at Health Share of Oregon. We look forward to partnering with her in her new role and are excited to see the impact she will have in that system. We will truly miss Katie at OPIP!



[Stay in Touch With Katie on LinkedIn](#)

Mackenzie Olson, MBA

OPIP Improvement Facilitator



We are excited to welcome Mackenzie Olson to the OPIP team, starting June 26th. Mackenzie joins us with practice facilitation experience as a Practice Enhancement Research Coordinator at the Oregon Rural Practice-Based Research Network. We are excited about her shared commitment to improving systems for children and her experience in working with practices and on Learning Collaboratives