



Webinar 1: Overview & Strategies for <u>Primary Care</u> <u>Providers</u> to Address <u>Social-Emotional Health Issues</u> in Young Children





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### Today's Agenda

### Who is the Oregon Pediatric Improvement Partnership (OPIP)



#### oregon-pip.org

Mission: The Oregon Pediatric Improvement Partnership (OPIP) supports a meaningful, **long-term collaboration of stakeholders** invested in child health care quality, with the common purpose of improving the health of <u>all</u> children and youth in Oregon.

- OPIP projects are supported by grants and contracts.
- We are based out of Oregon Health & Science University, Pediatrics Department.

OPIP uses a **population-based approach—starting with the child/family** to **improve child health care quality,** with the larger purpose of improving the health of the children and youth.

#### **Faculty for this Four-Part Webinar Series**



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Director of OPIP



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OPIP Consultant

### Who is the Oregon Pediatric Improvement Partnership (OPIP)



Specific to this Training, we have experience working with primary care and integrated behavioral health on:

- Trainings, tools and implementation support to enhance social-emotional services for young children
- Training of primary care providers of who to refer to integrated behavioral health and external behavioral health
- Trainings and tools on how to engage families of young children in behavioral health services
- Developing decision trees and summaries of external specialty behavioral health services to inform <u>best match referrals</u>
- Currently leading the Oregon Transforming Pediatrics for Early Childhood cooperative agreement in the Portland Metropolitan area, which includes deep focus on increasing issue-focused interventions in primary care
  - Providing implementation support to these sites.
  - A number of the strategies and tools developed in TPEC are being spread here
  - https://oregon-pip.org/our-projects/transforming-pediatrics-for-early-childhood/

#### Thank You Health Share of Oregon

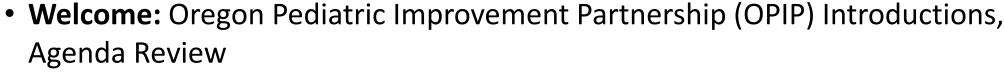






- OPIP has received a contract from Health Share of Oregon to implement these trainings and to support a Learning Collaborative of Integrated Behavioral Health.
- This is one part of Health Share of Oregon's Action Plan efforts related to the System-Level Social Emotional Health for Young Children.
- In the materials that we will send after the webinar, we will include an overview of Health Share of Oregon's full and broad efforts related to the System-Level Social Emotional Health for Young Children and to prepare for the 2025 child-level CCO incentive metric that is specifically focused on issue-focused interventions for young children.





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North Star:
Parents Want
and Need Health
Care to Play a
Central Role





### Social-Emotional Health in Young Children: What is it?



Defined as the capacity of the child from birth to 5 years old to:

- ✓ Form close and secure relationships with their primary caregivers and other adults and peers;
- ✓ Experience, manage, and express a full range of emotions; and,
- ✓ Explore the environment and learn, all in the context of family, community, and culture.

# Clinical Recommendations Related to Addressing Social Emotional Health in Young Children Alignment with Bright Futures and EPSDT



Image 1. American Academy of Pediatrics and Bright Futures<sup>™</sup> Periodicity Schedule

	INFANCY							EARLY CHILDHOOD								
AGE!	Prenatal <sup>2</sup>	Newborn <sup>3</sup>	3-5 d*	By 1 mo	2 mo	4 mo	6 mo	9 mo	12 mo	15 mo	18 mo	24 mo	30 mo	3 у	4 y	5 y
DEVELOPMENTAL/SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL/MENTAL HEALTH																
Maternal Depression Screening <sup>11</sup>				•	•	•	•									
Developmental Screening <sup>12</sup>								•			•		•			
Autism Spectrum Disorder Screening <sup>13</sup>											•	•				
Developmental Surveillance		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•		•		•	•	•
Behavioral/Social/Emotional Screening <sup>14</sup>		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

•**Early:** Assessing and identifying problems early



- •Periodic: Checking children's health at periodic, age-appropriate intervals
- •<u>Screening:</u> Providing physical, mental, developmental, dental, hearing, vision, and other screening tests to detect potential problems
  - Anchored to American Academy of Pediatrics & Bright Futures<sup>™</sup> Periodicity Schedule
- •<u>Diagnostic</u>: Performing diagnostic tests to follow up when a risk is identified
- •<u>Treatment</u>: Control, correct or reduce health problems found

### Clinical Recommendations Related to Addressing

#### Social Emotional Health in Young Children



**Population-Based Screenings** that can help identify children with potential need for additional supports to address social-emotional development include:

- Maternal depression screening
- Developmental screening
- Autism Spectrum disorder screening
- Behavioral/Social/Emotional Screening
  - OSince 2022, AAP/Bright Futures has recommended screening for behavioral and social-emotional problems in a family-centered way, routinely at every well visit in the first five years of life

#### Clinical Recommendations Related to Providing

#### **Issue-Focused Interventions for Social Emotional Health**



#### **Issue-Focused Interventions:**

- Issue-focused interventions are the recommended "Treatment" after identifying young children with social emotional delays (EPSDT)
- These issue-focused interventions aligned with clinicallyrecommended, evidence-based services can be provided by:
  - ✓ Specialty behavioral health clinicians
  - ✓ Within primary care, by integrated behavioral health clinicians or other staff with expertise in these behaviors
  - ✓ By community-based providers using evidence-based approaches

# Multi-Metric Strategy Focused on Health Aspects of Kindergarten Readiness Endorsed by Health Plan Quality Metrics & Metrics & Scoring

Well-Child Visits for Children 3-6



Stratification & reporting of metrics to examine disparities and for CYSHCN

Health system behavior change, investments, and cross-sector efforts that contribute to improved kindergarten readiness.

Preventive
Oral Health
Visits for
Children 1-5



Note: HAKR Measurement Workgroup Had Recommended Preventive Dental. The metric was broadened at the time of Metrics and Scoring review.

New Metrics that Had to Be Developed

Social-Emotional Health (Behavioral Health)





System-Level
Social-Emotional (SE)
Health Metric

Child-Level SE

Metric Focused on
Issue-Focused
Interventions/
Treatments



2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

#### Upcoming Child-Level Social-Emotional Health Metric (2025)



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- Beginning in 2025, Coordinated Care Organizations will be measured on & incentivized to improve the proportion of children aged 1-5 years old who receive issue-focused interventions in the <u>system</u> of providers CCOs contract with.
- Again, issue-focused interventions are the recommended "Treatment" after identifying young children with social emotional delays (EPSDT)
- The purpose of this metric is to TRANSFORM the behavioral health system included in the global budget that CCOs receive to better meet the needs of young children.
- The system that young children and their families need is to have people with expertise in young children's behavior able to provide issue-focused interventions within:
  - ✓ Specialty behavioral health
  - ✓ Within primary care, by integrated behavioral health clinicians or other staff with expertise in behavior
  - ✓ Community-based providers using evidence-based approaches

#### Color Coding We will use in the Slides Moving Forward



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- Activities and services provided by primary care that are part of promotion, prevention, education and guidance
- NOT included in the 2025 child-level metric
- But these services are critical to getting children TO issue-focused interventions
- For example: Social-emotional screening is not included in the 2025 child-level metric

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#### Places primary care refers:

- ✓ Specialty behavioral health
- ✓ Community-based providers using evidence-based issue-focused intervention approaches



Driving Focus: The child-level incentive metric **targets services** that are most aligned with **clinically recommended behavioral health services** (and therefore improvements and common codes used by the workforce are needed)

The metric targets improvements that cover the breadth of brief intervention and treatment services and are most commonly used by the **system of providers** focused on addressing behaviors, across sectors.













Other Contracted CCO Providers that May Provide a Range of Issue-Focused Interventions (Asset Mapping: Year 3)



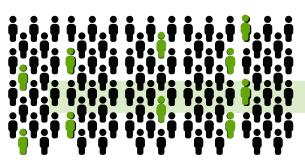
# Focus of the Child-Level Metric on CCO Covered Social Emotional Services: Issue-Focused Intervention/Treatment Services

#### **Continuum of Social-Emotional Services**

Bright Futures
Recommends SocialEmotional Screening as
part of robust well-child
care



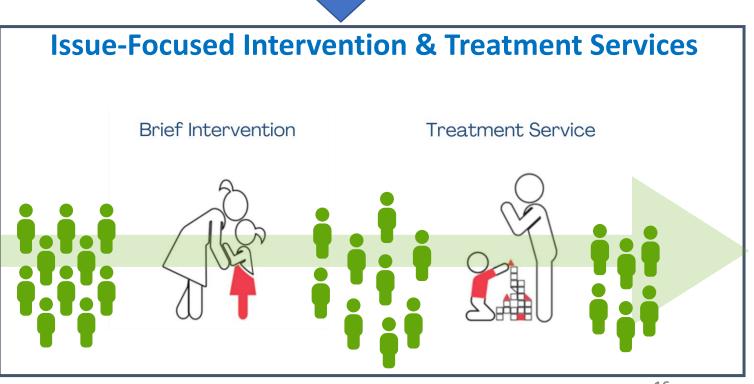
Screening



All Children are Part of Population-Wide Promotion & Screening

Children with Identified Issues

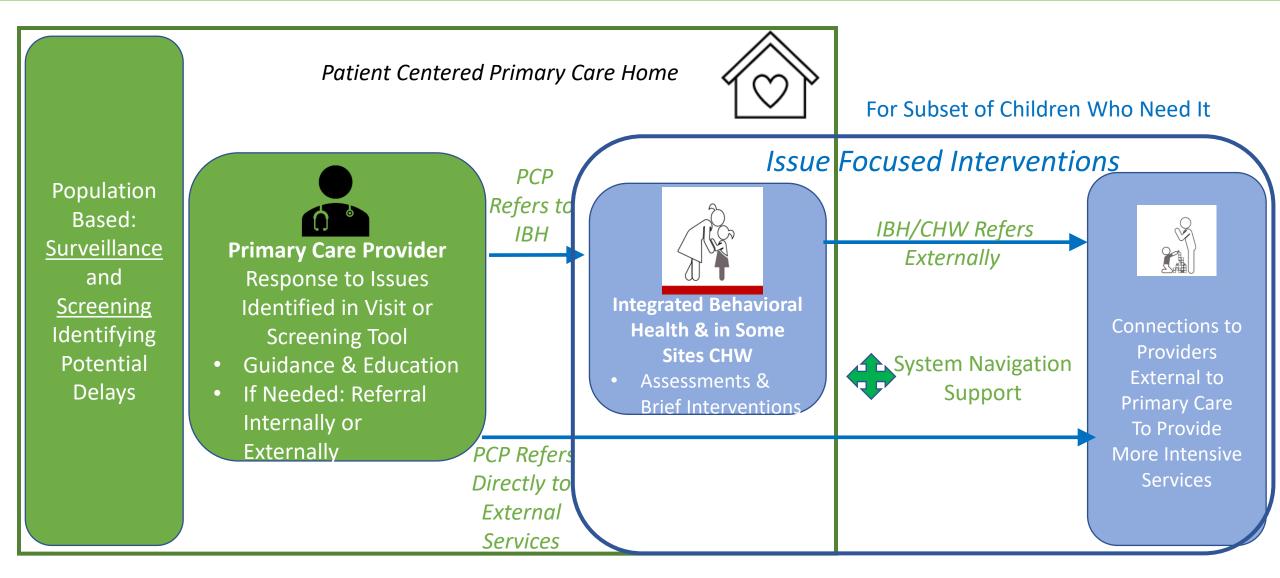
(Delays, Behavior Concerns, Risk for Problem Behaviors)



Focus of Child-Level Metric

## Primary Care Role in Social-Emotional Health of Young Children: Specific Areas of the Child-Level Social Emotional Health Metric Primary Care Can Impacts







#### Four Part Webinar Series: 1st Webinar





Population
Based:
Surveillance
and
Screening
Identifying
Potential
Delays

#### Patient Centered Primary Care Home



#### The First Webinar Focuses on:

- How do you identify children with socialemotional health issues through your population-based surveillance and screening strategies?
- Actionable Tips & Tools: Review of strategies
   primary care providers may use to implement
   Bright /EPSDT-recommended approaches for
   identifying children with social-emotional health
   needs.
- Examples of implementation in primary care.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Webinar: PCP Strategies





nt Centered Primary Care Home



Population
Based:
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Primary Care Provider
Response to Issues
Identified in Visit or
Screening Tool

- Guidance & Education
- If Needed: Referral Internally or Externally

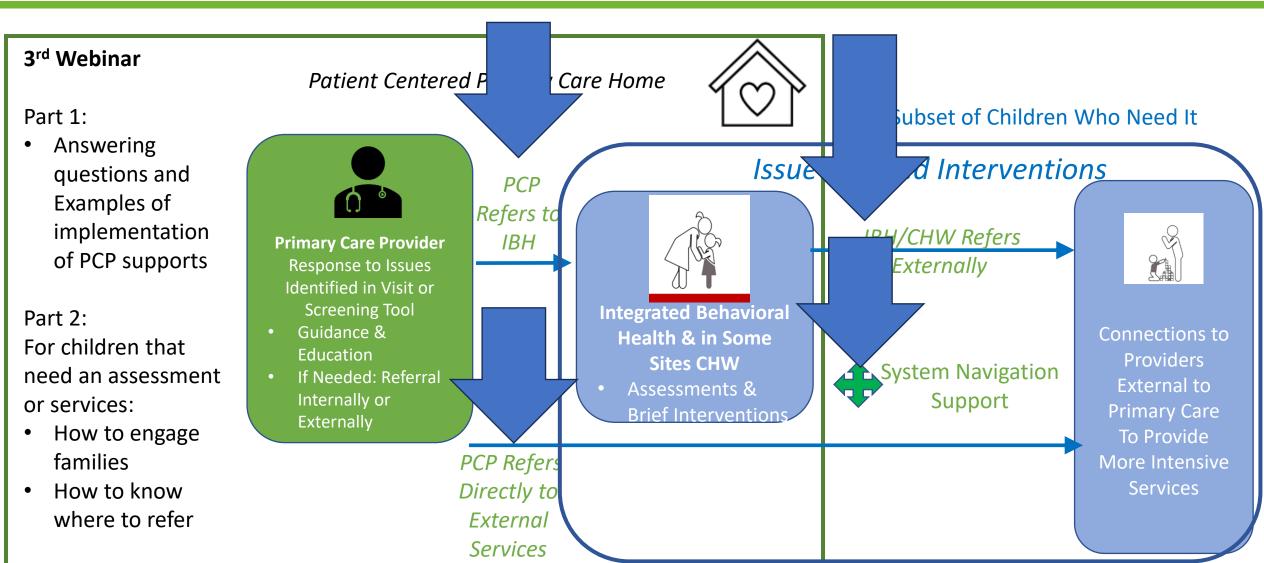
2<sup>nd</sup> Webinar, led by Dr. Andrew Riley, focuses on:

- Primary Care Provider Strategies to Address Common Social-Emotional Health Issues in Young Children
- Actionable Tips & Tools: Giving Anticipatory
  Guidance, Education, and Supports to Parents
- Talking Points for How to Address Common Social-Emotional Health Issues in Young Children: Disruptive Behavior, Early Childhood Anxiety, Sleep Issues, Big Feelings



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Webinar: Engaging Families in Referrals





Visual developed for Oregon Transforming Pediatrics for Early Childhood (OR TPEC)



# 4<sup>th</sup> Webinar: Hearing from Primary Care Providers & Opportunity for ?s



- Grateful to have three primary care providers that will share how they are implementing strategies shared in the webinars
  - Dr. Brad Olson (Randall Children's Clinic)
  - Dr. Beth Mossman (Hillsboro Pediatrics Clinic)
  - Dr. Lyn Jacobs (Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center: Cornelius)
- These providers are from clinics participating in OPIP's Oregon-Transforming Pediatrics for Early Childhood cooperative agreement.



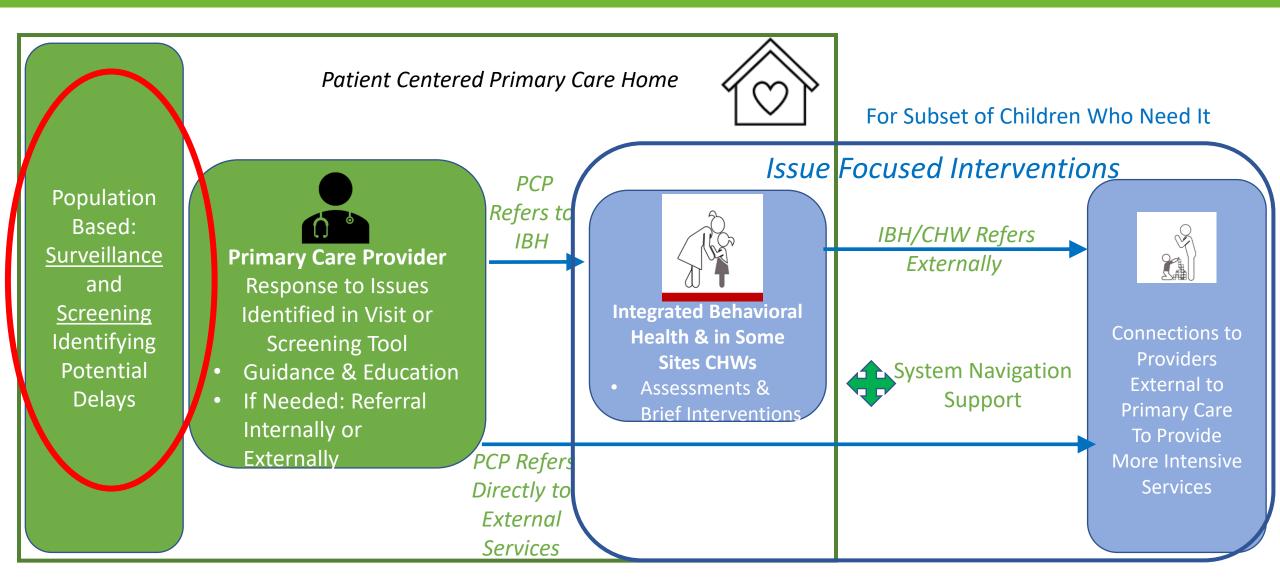


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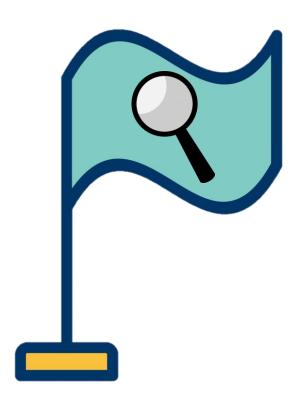






#### Identifying Young Children with Potential Social-Emotional Delay





Flags for potential social-emotional or behavioral delay in young children could come from:

- 1. Clinical or parental observation
- 2. Family context
- 3. Screening tools

### Why Are We Talking About These Flags?





- To leverage existing clinical information and processes to identify young children needing additional supports
- To help distinguish age-appropriate behaviors from potential indicators of social-emotional delay
- To help guide conversations with families about behavior management and next steps
- To help develop workflows from identification to supports

#### Flags That Might Indicate Need for Additional Social-Emotional Health

#### **Supports: Clinical or Parental Observation**



- What are common issues that primary care providers are seeing and addressing that are flags of potential social-emotional delays?
- Are there concerns the parent is raising that indicate a need for additional social-emotional health supports?

## Using Clinical or Parental Observation, the following are flags of children who would benefit from additional social-emotional assessments:



- Concerns such as oppositional, aggressive, overactive or shy/anxious behaviors
- Significant sleep, feeding, self-soothing, adjusting to new situations, or irritability concerns
- ➤ Parental frustration

#### What are We, as Primary Care Providers, Seeing in the Room? - Case Examples



- > Oppositional, aggressive, overactive or shy/anxious behaviors
- ➤ Significant sleep, feeding, self-soothing, adjusting to new situations, or irritability concerns
- > Parental frustration
  - 2-year-old girl who is otherwise healthy and developing appropriately, biting her parents and sibling at home daily, creating significant conflict.
  - ❖ 3-year-old who is biting, and also hitting, kicking, exhibiting aggressive and disruptive behaviors, being asked to leave 3<sup>rd</sup> preschool.
  - ❖ 2.5-year-old described by parents as "shy," struggling with separation, transitions, and new situations. Parents unable to leave with babysitter.
  - ❖ 4-year-old whose parents are frustrated and worried because child won't talk to teachers or classmates in preschool, won't participate in any activities, won't respond when others ask her questions, even family members or familiar friends.



#### Family Context



• Is there anything in the child's environment, family situation, or experiences that may be impacting social-emotional development?

# Important factors that may be identified in the course of well child visits that are indicators of potential need for social-emotional support:



- Exposure to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in Family Environment
- ➤ Significant psychosocial stressors or social complexity
- ➤ Knowledge of family factors impacting attachment or psychosocial development

#### Bright Futures Recommended Screenings



# Examples of Bright Futures/EPSDT Screening Tools Used in Primary Care that Could Identify a <u>Potential Need</u> for <u>Social-Emotional</u> Support

- Maternal Depression Screening: Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS)
- Developmental Screening: Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) Specific domains within the tool
- Autism Screening: Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers (MCHAT)
- Behavioral/Social/Emotional Screening: Example tool Baby or Preschool Pediatric Symptom Checklist (BPSC/PPSC)

#### Maternal Depression Screening



Maternal Depression Screening: Recommended to screen caregiver by 1 month, 2 month, 4 month and 6 month well visits by Bright Futures

#### Maternal depression can:

- Affect early bonding and secure attachment
- Impact child's development
- Lead to challenges with child's emotional regulation

- Secondary social-emotional assessment and targeted social-emotional support might be best follow-up for patients with the following indicators:
  - Screening is positive for maternal depression
  - Especially if associated with delayed development, issues with regulation, poor feeding or sleep

#### **Developmental Screening**



Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ): Recommended at 9 mo., 18 mo. and 30 mo. (or 24 mo. if practice doesn't do 30 mo.) well visits by Bright Futures

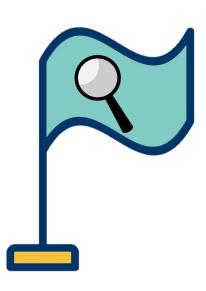
Screens for 5 domains of childhood development:

- Communication, Gross Motor, Fine Motor, Personal Social and Problem Solving
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  - Personal Social AND Problem-Solving Domains below cut-off
  - Personal Social OR Problem Solving below cut-off AND any of the following:
    - Concerns such as oppositional, aggressive, overactive or shy/anxious behaviors
    - Significant sleep, feeding, self-soothing, adjusting to new situations, or irritability concerns
    - Exposure to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), social complexity, family factors impacting development

#### **Autism Screening**



# Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers (MCHAT): Recommended at 18 and 24 month well visits by Bright Futures



Concern for autism on screening indicates need for a developmental pediatrics evaluation, but social-emotional support in primary care may help when there are associated behavioral challenges or concerns impacting the family.

#### Other Screenings



# Social-Emotional Health Screening with Tools such as the Baby or Preschool Pediatric Symptom Checklist: Recommended to screen at every well visit by Bright Futures

Targeted social-emotional health screening may identify children who could benefit from further evaluation, anticipatory guidance and education, and additional follow-up for social-emotional support.

### Material That Will Be Sent: Summary of Flags for Potential Social-Emotional Delay and Resource List of Social-Emotional Screening Tools





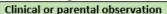
#### Identifying Young Children with Potential Social-Emotional Delay: Flags That Could Be Seen in Primary Care



Primary care plays an important role in identifying young children with potential social-emotional or behavioral delays. Once identified, these children might benefit from social-emotional health supports in primary care, either from Primary Care Providers (with parent education, engagement in integrated behavioral health referral, and/or external referral) or from Integrated Behavioral Health Clinicians (with secondary assessments, brief interventions, and/or external referral).

#### Flags for potential social-emotional delays in young children could come from:

- 1. Clinical or parental observation
- 2. Family context
- 3. Screening tools



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#### Family Context

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#### Screening Tools

#### Examples of Screening Tools Used in Primary Care that Could Identify Potential Need for Additional Social-Emotional Support:

- Maternal Depression Screening: Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS). Indicators of potential need for SE support include:
  - Positive screen for maternal depression
  - Especially if associated with delayed development, issues with regulation, poor feeding or sleep in child
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Example of Specific Social-Emotional Health Screening Aligned with Bright Futures Recommendations for Behavioral/Social/Emotional Screening:

Baby or Preschool Pediatric Symptom Checklist (BPSC/PPSC)



#### **Resource List of Social-Emotional Screening Tools**



Social-Emotional Screening Tools for Population-Based Screening or Follow-up Assessment For practices interested in implementing whole population or targeted social-emotional screening, here are some details about the most commonly used tools.

- Administration and scoring of these screens with interpretation of results by a licensed clinician (potentially as part of a well visit) can be billed as 96127 (Brief Emotional/ Behavioral Assessment).
- Use of one of these screening tools by an integrated behavioral health clinician as part of a broader biopsychopoxial assessment can be hilled as 90791 (Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation)

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Screening/Assessment Tool	Advantages	Considerations
Baby and Preschool Pediatric	Public domain	Both tools are a
Symptom Checklist	Takes 5-10 mins	component of the Survey
	<ul> <li>Meets Social Emotional screening</li> </ul>	of Well Being in Young
Baby (BPSC): 1-17.99 months	requirement for Bright Futures	Children tool (SWYC), and
Tool and Scoring	Subsection scores can queue up specific	some translations exist for
	brief interventions	the SWYC. But might not be
Preschool (PPSC) 18- 65 mo.		able to find stand-alone
Tool and Scoring		versions
Pediatric Symptom Checklist	Public domain	Scoring is a bit more
(PSC)	Multiple translations	involved because questions
	Takes 10 mins	for each subset are mixed
4 years and older	35 items	in together
	<ul> <li>Items grouped in categories: Attention,</li> </ul>	
Tool and Scoring	Anxiety/Depression, Conduct	
Survey of Well Being in Young	Public domain	Longer than PSC alone
Children (SWYC)	Many translations available	Developmental screening
	Takes 10 mins	section does not have
2- 60 months	Combines screening for social drivers of	subset domain scores, so
	health, development and social-emotional	may be hard to determine
Forms for download	concerns in one tool	best match follow-up steps
	Screening tool corresponds with Bright	and likelihood of Early
	Futures well visit periodicity	Intervention eligibility
Early Childhood Screening	Public domain	Not available for younger
Assessment (ECSA)	Available in English, Spanish and Romanian	children under 18 months
	Takes 5-10 minutes	construction and to months
18-60 months	40 items (brief version with 24 items also	
	available – form and scoring guide)	
Form and Scoring Guide	Has questions related to parental	
Torri and acorning durac	depression as well	
ASQ- SE	Takes 10-15 mins	Proprietary tool: \$295 for
A3Q-3E	Assesses seven domains of social	Proprietary tool: \$295 for  ASQ-SE:2 starter kit
1-72 months		
1-72 months	emotional development	<ul> <li>Scoring requires training</li> </ul>
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Additional broader list of screening tools for birth-to-5 population (assessing child development, social emotional health, perinatal depression, social drivers of health etc) available here: <a href="https://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/screening-technical-assistance-and-resource-center/screening-tool-finder/?nage-1">https://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/screening-technical-assistance-and-resource-center/screening-tool-finder/?nage-1</a>



### Strategies Sites Have Used: Learnings from the Field



- Routine care team meetings or huddles to address clinical concerns and clues
- Routine dyadic supports in response to maternal depression screening
- Chart scrubbing by integrated behavioral health to identify positive screens, potential need for supports prior to well visits
- Piloting social-emotional screening tool with a few providers, at select well visits
- Creating decision trees and standardized pathways for referrals based on clinical flags or screening tools



#### What Improvement Steps Can You Consider?

#### Actionable Tips & Tools for Identifying Potential Social-Emotional Delay



☐ Develop a chart scrubbing process to identify patients coming in that would likely benefit from a behavioral health consult based on screening results and other presenting factors.



- ☐ Develop standardized follow-up processes based on the clinical judgement "flags" outlined.
- ☐ Develop standardized decision trees, anchored to the screenings conducted, of which children should be referred to internal or external behavioral health. Examples of screening tools to develop standardized decision trees:
  - Maternal depression screening
  - Developmental screening
  - Autism spectrum disorder screening
  - Social-emotional/behavioral health screening
- ☐ Implement a new screening tool that can help identify children with social-emotional issues



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