Services

For primary care physicians in Ohio, the Pediatric Psychiatry Network provides rapid 24/7 access to child and adolescent psychiatry decision support, education and triage services.

The Pediatric Psychiatry Network provides the following services to primary care physicians:

- Access to information and treatment protocols about specific mental disorders, such as ADHD, anxiety, depression, and disruptive disorders
- Specialty advice to help recognize and manage youth with common psychiatric disorders seen in primary care
- Triage service recommendations for patients who need more care than can be provided within the primary care setting

Future expanded services will include consultation via video, e-visits and telemedicine.

Providers

The following providers are collaborating to provide decision support to Ohio's primary care physicians:

- Akron Children's Hospital
- Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- University of Cincinnati
- Nationwide Children's Hospital
- The Ohio State University
- Toledo Children's Hospital
- University of Toledo

Meeting the Need in Ohio

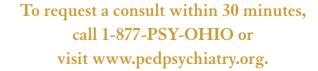
Due to shortages of child and adolescent psychiatrists, Ohio youth with psychiatric disorders and their primary care physicians have critical problems gaining access to needed services.

In May 2009, recognizing the need to support primary care physicians in their efforts, a group of child psychiatrists, pediatricians, advocates, administrators and others from throughout Ohio met under the leadership of the Ohio Department of Mental Health. The group formed as the Ohio Pediatric Psychiatric Decision Support Network (OPPDSN), with the goal of improving access to quality mental health services for Ohio youth by using system-linking technology to connect primary care professionals with child and adolescent psychiatric expertise.

In August 2010, Transformation State Incentive Grant (TSIG) funds were used to create the OPPDSN technology infrastructure and develop initial clinical protocols. The network's name was shortened when the telephone and web routing were configured. In October 2010, the Pediatric Psychiatry Network was launched.









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Two Ways to Request a Consult Call 1-877-PSY-OHIO

How It Works:

- 1. Physicians may call 1-877-PSY-OHIO 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- 2. Our call center will ask basic triage questions to learn more about the case and requested services.
- Within 30 minutes of your initial call, you will be contacted by a child and adolescent psychiatrist who will provide needed consultation services.

Visit www.pedpsychiatry.org

How It Works:

- 1. Physicians may submit our online request form 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- 2. Online requests will be reviewed to determine appropriate services.
- 3. Within 30 minutes, you will be contacted via phone by a child and adolescent psychiatrist who will provide needed consultation services.

If a family needs immediate help, call your county's mental health crisis number.

If you are a parent or guardian needing access to psychiatry support for your child, please talk to your primary care physician about your family's needs.



Purpose

The aim of the Pediatric Psychiatry Network is to improve patient and family access to quality mental health services by empowering primary care physicians to deliver and/or coordinate mental health care for youth within the primary care setting.

HUMAN INFRASTRUCTURE

24/7 child psychiatry on-call system at 8 regional child & adolescent psychiatry locations.

DIRECT SERVICE

Triage for medical home,
Primary Care Physician,
Physician's Office, routine
screenings, diagnostic support,
procative positive intervention,
symptom management,
medication management,
care coordination,
& referral.

EVALUATION/ IMPROVEMENT

Program evaluation & improvement, including process, fiscal, technology; QI Framework for component adopted & adapted Best Practices; QI training, education, & psychiatric protocal development.

TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE

Email, e-visits, website, store & forward, data warehouse server, video conferencing, tele/video psychiatry.



CONSULTATION

Physician to physician communication regarding a specific patient, or a general assessment/treatment question.

ADVOCACY & COMMUNICATION

Increase public, consumer, school, & family awareness of youth MH issues, reduce stigma, policy & rule change billing change, and law change.

EDUCATION

Education for public and professionals, including safety and quality components of assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of child & adolescent psychiatric

TRAINING

Proper use of technology components and decision support process for both PPN provider members and Primary Care Physicians/Community Health Medical Centers.

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