

**Screening:
A Universal Approach to Addressing
Children's Developmental Needs
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National Medical Home Autism Initiative

The priority for this national project is to develop strategies to improve the capacity of the medical home and early intervention community to identify, appropriately serve, and integrate children with autism into their communities.

This will be accomplished through technical assistance, resource activities and collaboration with numerous health care, educational and other community partners.



A Medical Home is ...

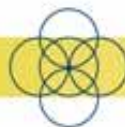
- **COORDINATED**

- Families are linked to support, educational, and community based services

- **CULTURALLY EFFECTIVE**

- Family's cultural background is recognized, valued, and respected

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A Medical Home provides service that is ...

■ CONTINUOUS

- Same primary pediatric health care professionals are available from infancy through adolescence

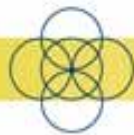
■ COMPREHENSIVE

- Health care is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

■ COMPASSIONATE

- Concern for well-being of child and family is expressed and demonstrated

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The National Center of Medical Home Initiatives for Children with Special Needs provides support to physicians, families, and other medical and non-medical providers who care for children with special needs so that they have access to a medical home.

What is a medical home?

A medical home is not a building, house, or hospital, but rather an approach to providing health care services in a high-quality and cost-effective manner. Children and their families who have a medical home receive the care that they need from a pediatrician or physician whom they know and trust.

The pediatric health care professionals and parents act as partners in a medical home to identify and access all the medical and non-medical services needed to help children and their families achieve their maximum potential.

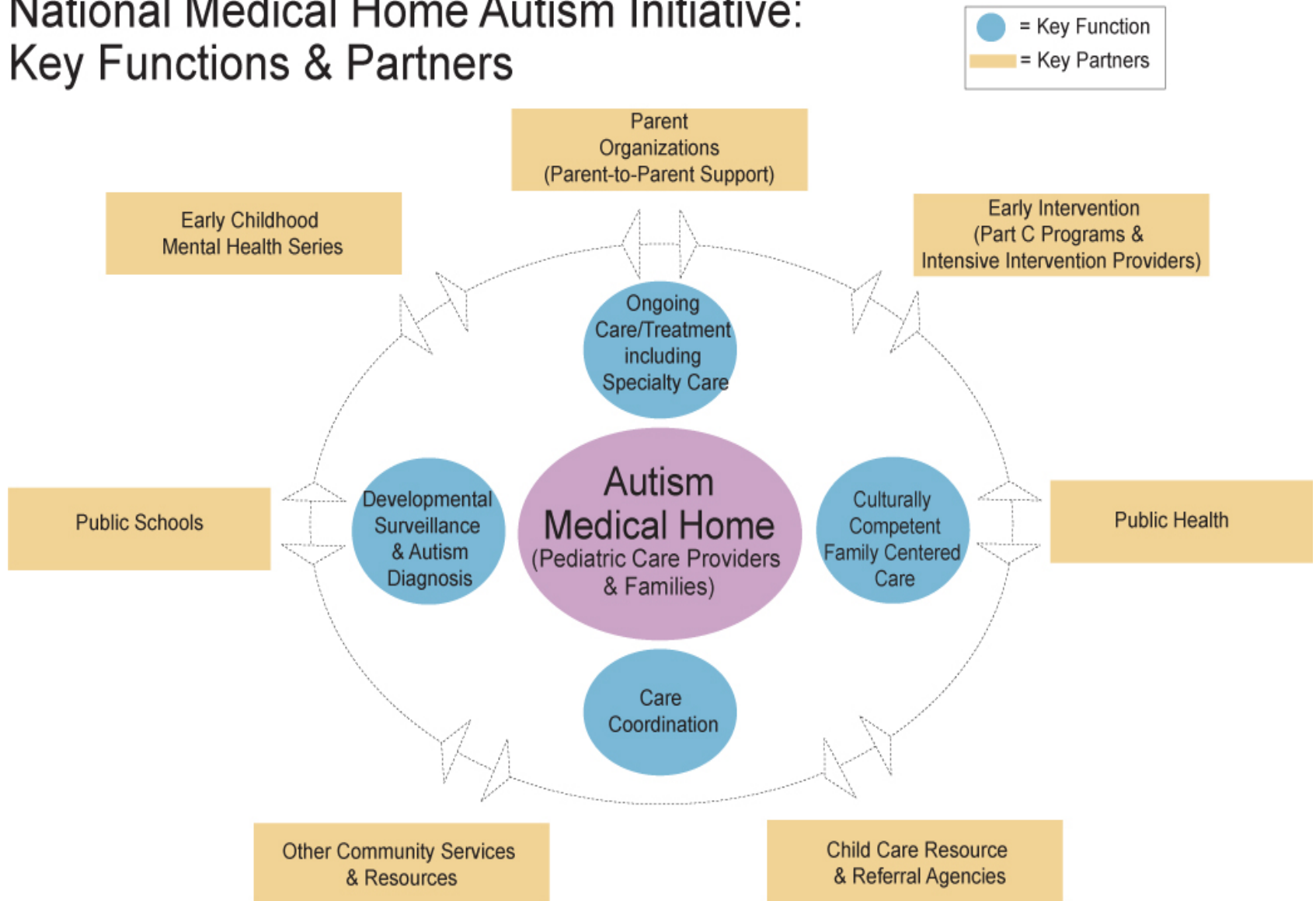
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National Medical Home Autism Initiative: Key Functions & Partners



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NMHAI Medical Home Partnerships:

- **Provide technical assistance to primary care practices participating as partners**
- **Support and provide assistance for implementation of office based developmental surveillance**
 - Developmental screening tools and materials
 - Community resources
 - Referral process and options
 - Billing support
- **Assist with development of relationships to build coordination of services with community partners**
 - Birth to 3 programs
 - Public education
 - Pediatric sub specialists
 - Other community agencies
- **Develop issue briefs and other resource materials that promote and share the experiences of the medical home**



Developmental Screening

Promoting developmental screening
as a regular part of well child visits

9, 12, 18, 24, 36 and 48 months



Developmental Screening Challenges in Physician Practices

- Buy In
- Time
- Determining Who Does Screening
 - Data Gathering
 - Conversation
- Tool Selection/Use (General/Population Specific)
- Training
- Funding

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Developmental Screening Challenges in Physician Practices

- Fitting into Routines
- Comfort Talking with Families
 - Child Development
 - Parent-Child Interactions
 - Maternal Depression
- Knowledge of and Confidence in Referral Sources
- Coordination with community providers & medical specialists

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Challenges from Early Intervention/Early Childhood

- Early referrals/wait and see
- Assistance with referrals to specialty care
- Waiting for diagnostic appointments
- Coordination
 - Early Intervention
 - Early Childhood
 - Medical



Ideas.....

- One practice, one child at a time
- Mutual respect
- Access to “just in time” information
- Share screening information/strategies
- Your ideas?

