

## Join a Medical Home Learning Collaborative – Learn How to Improve Your Practice

Dear members of the Indiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

As we quickly move past the first decade of the twenty-first century, health care reform and the need to transform primary care practice has never been more urgent. The health care reform bill contains Medical Home as the model of primary care needed to improve patient care and stop spiraling costs.

The Institute of Medicine and others have stated that system change is needed to make this transformation. System change within a practice is best done through quality improvement processes. Experiences by members of the AAP have demonstrated that “learning collaboratives” help start and maintain this process.

Join your colleagues in a Medical Home Learning Collaborative! We would like to invite you to join nine other practices in Indiana’s first Medical Home Learning Collaborative , sponsored by the federal Maternal Child Health Bureau and Indiana State Department of Health. The current practices in the Collaborative are:

- Blackburn Health Center - Dr. John Kunzer, Dr. Seth Rinderknecht
- Meridian Pediatrics - Dr. Mary McAteer, Dr. James Cumming
- Pecar Health Center - Dr. Dawn Haut
- Ridge Medical Center - Dr. Frederick Ridge
- St. Vincent Faculty Practice - Dr. Elizabeth Roth
- St. Vincent Family Medicine Residency Clinic - Dr. Heidi Harris
- St. Vincent Pediatric Primary Care Clinic - Dr. Niceta Bradburn, Dr. Shelia Stewart, Dr. Shivika Jain
- Shippshewana Family Medicine - Dr. Tony Pechin
- Wishard Primary Care Pediatrics - Dr. Sarah Stelzner

We will be recruiting six more pediatric practices throughout the state. If you would like more information, please contact us and Save-the-Date of **October 16, 2010** for our Learning Collaborative Fall Meeting where we will focus on Medical Home and quality improvement methods. Please see the attached materials for further information.

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*We hope AAP members will join the Medical Home Learning collaborative. The Medical Home has been a pillar of the Academy's strategic objectives for many years. This is extremely important for Indiana practices and a great way to keep up-to-date. Your co-Presidents, Dawn Haut and Sarah Stelzner*