Maryland Behavioral Health Integration in Pediatric Primary Care (BHIIPP)

Background & Services

The Maryland Behavioral Health Integration in Pediatric Primary Care (BHIIPP) program was established to support and expand primary care’s role in delivering mental health care to children and their families. The program, supported by the Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration, was piloted in fall 2012 and has been operating statewide since 2013.

BHIIPP is a partnership of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and Salisbury University.

In 2019 BHIIPP received a HRSA grant to expand services to include telemental health care and care coordination to southern, western and the lower shore. Additionally, BHIIPP will be launching a Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) in April 2020.

Outcomes

✓ 1,052 PCPs have enrolled and/or called the consultation line.
✓ PCPs who use BHIIPP services represent every county in Maryland.
✓ Over 1,600 behavioral health resources are compiled in our statewide database for PCPs.
✓ Consultation volume has steadily increased since the program’s inception. Over 4,290 telephone consultations and 5,287 social work consultations have been completed.

“I am so glad to have you (BHIIPP) guys. I want to treat these children but constantly feel out of my element. The discussion is very helpful.”

– prescriber in Baltimore County