

# Quality Improvement Coaching

*Helping you achieve best outcomes for kids  
with on-site support from Partners For Kids*

Partners For Kids' **Quality Improvement (QI) Coaching Program** assists you in achieving best outcomes for your patients by focusing on key issues affecting children's health. Our program has helped improve outcomes for 100,000 patients in many community practices throughout central and southeastern Ohio since its inception in 2014.

A Partners For Kids QI specialist works on-site to coach quality improvement processes and tools. You and your practice team build QI capacity by meeting regularly to share ideas for change and testing those changes. You also participate in a diverse network where learning – best practices and challenges – is shared.

Preventive Care Portfolio	
Healthy Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ≥6 well visits by 15 months of age</li> <li>• Annual well visits for children 3-6 years old</li> <li>• Annual well visits for adolescents (12-21 years)</li> </ul>
Oral Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fluoride varnish application for children up to 6 years of age</li> </ul>
Reproductive Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reproductive health assessments for adolescents</li> <li>• Contraception prescribing among 15-19-year-old females</li> </ul>
Disease Management Portfolio	
Asthma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asthma Medication Ratio (AMR)</li> <li>• Asthma management (control assessed at every visit, schedule follow up appointments every 6 months, and asthma action plans updated annually)</li> </ul>
Pharyngitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate testing for pharyngitis: ensuring that patients with a diagnosis of strep pharyngitis receive strep testing, if antibiotics will be prescribed</li> </ul>
Emergency Department Use Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce emergency department visits, with a focus on four ambulatory sensitive conditions: asthma, otitis media, upper respiratory infections and skin-soft tissue infections</li> </ul>
Behavioral Health Portfolio	
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADHD screening and follow up</li> <li>• Appropriate prescribing of ADHD medications</li> </ul>
Depression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universal screening of adolescents for depression</li> <li>• Primary care management of depression in adolescent patients</li> </ul>
Suicide Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screening adolescents for suicide intentions</li> <li>• Referral and management of at-risk adolescent patients</li> </ul>
Antipsychotic Prescribing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in prescribing multiple concurrent antipsychotic medications</li> </ul>

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