

Healthy Children (Access to Well Care): **Quality Improvement Project**

Well-care visits (WCVs) are integral to ensuring healthy growth and development during childhood. These periodic visits (the recommended frequency based on a child's age) represent valuable opportunities for healthcare providers to practice preventive care. During these visits, a provider can assess a child's development, administer immunizations, identify health concerns early, and foster a trustful relationship with the child and child's family.

Despite the general recognition of the importance of preventive care, all too often children, including those in the Partners For Kids (PFK) network, are not participating in regular WCVs. Multiple factors contribute to observed low rates of WCVs, ranging from lack of awareness that well care visits are distinct from sick visits, to logistical challenges and competing priorities for families due to work/school schedules, transportation barriers, or other childcare needs.

Under the Healthy Children Initiative, Partners For Kids' Quality Improvement (QI) Coaching Program offers QI projects aimed at improving uptake of well care visits for children in your practice, in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Bright Futures¹ Guidelines. As its primary outcome measures, the Healthy Children Initiative targets WCV rates in three age groups – 0 to 15 months, 3 to 6 years old and 12 to 21 years old.

By engaging in Healthy Children projects, your practice will work one-on-one with our QI team to develop a customized plan to support your unique needs and patients' demands.

For more information about PFK QI projects, please contact PFK QI Coaching at PFKQICoaching@NationwideChildrens.org

¹ American Academy of Pediatrics Bright Futures. <https://brightfutures.aap.org/materials-and-tools/guidelines-and-pocket-guide/Pages/default.aspx>

