

# Community Autism Screening and Diagnosis Initiative

MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center

- Purpose: Increase autism screening, referrals and diagnosis of CSHCN in Essex.
- Activities:
  - Provide autism screening using the M-CHAT to underserved children
  - Train community members to screen for autism
  - Refer to ITP and other community resources
  - Provide ADOS testing

# **Bridging the Gap**

## Abilities Network

- Purpose: Increase inclusive after school or summer programs for CSHCN.
- Activities:
  - Provide onsite training of after school staff and summer programs on inclusive practices
  - Develop action plans
  - Provide intensive follow up coaching and mentoring

# Friendly First Visits

## Pathfinders for Autism

- Purpose: Oral health education project for CSHCN with autism spectrum disorders.
- Activities:
  - Develop fact sheets for parents
  - Create web site content
  - Enhance online database with more dental providers
  - Work with partner to pilot “Friendly First Visits”
  - Market program
  - Replicate the program

# Changing Minds

## One World Center for Autism

- Purpose: Increase understanding and knowledge about early childhood mental health in Prince George's county.
- Activities:
  - One day community conference focusing on early childhood mental health on Feb 28, 2015
  - Target audience: physicians, mental health providers, educators, child care professionals, parents, caregivers