

The Parents' Place of Maryland



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**Helping families of children and youth with
disabilities and special health care needs**

Parent Partners in Quality Improvement

IMPROVE PEDIATRIC CARE IN YOUR PRACTICE

TWO Quality Improvement
Pediatric Learning Collaboratives

JUNE 2014 - May 2015



ENROLL NOW

RECRUITMENT ENDS MID-APRIL

**INFORMATION
WEBINAR**

Watch a short webinar
about this opportunity

Choose **ONE** of the following Learning Collaboratives

**A: Autism and Developmental Disabilities
*Screening and BEYOND***

**B: Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders
*Primary Care Enhancement***

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PURPOSE OF A PARENT PARTNER

- Enhance family/professional partnerships
- Improve systems of care for CYSHCN, specifically
 - Autism Spectrum Disorders and other Developmental Disabilities
 - Epilepsy and other Seizure Disorders

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ROLE OF A PARENT PARTNER

- Work with assigned Practice Teams to improve services and foster positive relationships;
- Provide the parent perspective and input to the Practice Teams about improvement efforts;
- Participate in Learning Collaborative training sessions;
- Provide information, support, and referrals to families of CYSHCN;
- Assist professionals to provide more family-centered, culturally competent, and coordinated care.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF A PARENT PARTNER

- Veteran parent (child five years old or older) of a CYSHCN
- Strong interpersonal skills as a collaborative team member
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Experience working with or supporting families of CYSHCN
- Ability to interact with diverse populations
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and respect for privacy
- Knowledge of state, local, and community resources
- Knowledge of family-centered care and Medical Home concept

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PARENT PARTNER RECRUITMENT TIMELINE

- Parent Partner recruitment period: April 8 – May 1, 2014
- Currently over 30 applicants representing all regions of MD
- Final selections occur mid-May (after practice selection)
- Orientation training weekend June 6 – 8, 2014
- On-site regional practice orientation late June

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