

Whole Child Health Alliance

WHOLE CHILD HEALTH MODELS

The Whole Child Health Alliance (“Alliance”) seeks to accelerate whole child health delivery models supported by sustainable financing strategies.

Whole child health models engage multisector partners to support the developmental, physical, mental, behavioral, and social needs of children and youth, and foster healthy relationships with caregivers, through individual, family-based and community-level approaches. Key partners include child health providers, payers, community-based organizations, families and other child-serving organizations such as schools.



The Whole Child Health Alliance includes a diverse membership of health care providers, nonprofits, advocates and subject matter experts. We utilize numerous **strategies to advance whole child health delivery and financing models**. These include informing federal **legislation, agency rulemaking and guidance**, and demonstration **models and other policies**. We **highlight emerging best practices and strategies** from the field. We also identify opportunities to **collaborate with other coalitions and partners** on issues impacting children, youth and families.

Promoting Whole Child Health

Neighborhoods, the environment, access to **high-quality education and health care, public safety, economic stability** and other conditions have a significant impact on the health and well-being of children and youth. **Families have a particularly vital role** in helping children thrive. Strong connections exist between the development of children and parents’ psychological, economic and social well-being. Child health and well-being depends on **safe, stable and nurturing relationships with parents, teachers and other primary caregivers**.

Comprehensive whole child health models promote health equity and help all children and youth reach their full potential.

Key Elements

The Alliance advances **whole child health models** that seek to incorporate various Key Elements to the degree possible and move the **health care system along the value-based payment continuum** over time. Find a comprehensive version [at this link](#).

- **Promoting Health Equity** – Improve outcomes for historically marginalized populations who disproportionately experience suboptimal health outcomes.
- **Integrating Care Delivery and Social Supports** – Promote integrated delivery models to address social drivers of health, developmental needs, and caregiver relationships.
- **Aligning Care for Families** – Utilize multi-generational approaches that seek to improve the health and well-being of parents and other caregivers in tandem with the child.
- **Fostering Healthy Communities** – Engage community members and other stakeholders to ensure approaches meet local needs.
- **Supporting a Diverse, Multi-disciplinary Workforce** – Support a diverse community-based workforce to foster trusting relationships with those served and optimize outcomes.
- **Incentivizing Cross-Sector Data Partnerships** – Facilitate the exchange and integration of data across sectors to promote connections to resources in the community.
- **Advancing Financing Reforms that Incentivize Optimal Health** – Develop value-based payment models that align with integrated delivery models advancing long-term outcomes.
- **Assessing Quality Improvement and Performance** – Measure the impact of integrated delivery models on key patient outcomes, including measures that go beyond medical care.

For More Information

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