



# PHiIT: Pediatric Healthcare Improvement Initiative for Tennessee

## What is PHiIT?

PHiIT is TNAAP's Pediatric Healthcare Improvement Initiative for Tennessee. It was established to help improve the quality of pediatric healthcare delivery by standardizing how provider performance is measured, increasing collaboration between healthcare providers, promoting innovation and sharing best practices. It comprises a broad partnership of organizations involved in the use, delivery, management and evaluation of pediatric healthcare across the state. PHiIT offers topic-specific individual projects.

## Why is PHiIT necessary?

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, US children only receive 68% of recommended care for acute problems, 53% of recommended care for chronic conditions and 41% of recommended preventative care. PHiIT was established to address these significant gaps.

## What support can PHiIT Provide?

PHiIT assists in the development of a quality improvement infrastructure needed to make changes to improve quality with minimal disruption. Training and coaching on quality improvement science is available from a quality coach. Each topic-specific quality improvement project is designed around several core elements: Continuing Medical Education (CME), collaborative learning, technical support, standardization and measurement of key metrics, capturing and reporting practice innovation, and Maintenance of Certification (MOC). Monthly support calls are offered to review questions and discuss best practices.

## How can you become a PHiIT practice?

Contact TNAAP today and we'll help you begin, or continue the process of developing, an in-house Quality Team. You will be able to select from a range of quality improvement projects to participate in. CME and Part IV MOC credits are available for all projects. See the back side of this sheet for a full list of available projects and their descriptions.

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# PHiT Quality Improvement Projects

## Well Care

This project will assist ambulatory pediatric and primary care providers in improving annual, well care visit completion rates. These rates will increase through the implementation and sustainment of several process changes.

## Behavioral Health

The Behavioral Health in Pediatrics (BeHiP) project provides pediatric healthcare providers with tools and strategies to assess and manage patients with emotional, behavioral and substance abuse concerns.

## Screening Tools and Referral Training

The Screening, Tools and Referral Training (START) project provides pediatric healthcare providers with tools and strategies to screen for developmental and behavioral health concerns. It also encompasses strategies to provide for more efficient workflow, coding, more effective care, and improved family and physician relationships.

## Behavioral Health-Foster Care

As a supplement to the BeHiP project the Foster Care project focuses on children in foster care receiving appropriate screening and referral for behavioral health concerns.

## Immunization

This project utilizes the peer-to-peer learning methodology, ECHO (Extension for Community Health Outcomes), to bring physicians together to learn and discuss the successes and challenges with increasing the percent of the children who have all the Bright Futures vaccines. Monthly sessions will include experts on a variety of topics including declining immunization rates, vaccine hesitancy, reaching disparate populations and using social media for vaccine promotion. Each session will consist of a short didactic presentation, case presentation and collaborative discussion. Quality training and coaching on strategies to increase immunization rates will be available to enrolled practices.

## Requirements

- Participate in topic-specific educational modules
- Attend Quality Improvement Training
- Develop practice QI team
- Use 'Model for Improvement' for a minimum of 3 PDSA cycles
- Review data reports for minimum of 4 data cycles
- Engage with the QI team and stay informed of process improvements
- Remain up-to-date regarding content of monthly calls with PHiT
- Contribute to the annual learning collaborative

## EARN MOC Part IV!

All projects offer MOC Part IV Credit with the American Board of Pediatrics and Quality Improvement Credit with the American Board of Family Medicine

Visit the Tennessee AAP website at [www.tnaap.org](http://www.tnaap.org) to learn more about each of these projects!

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