

This July, we are bringing awareness to the unique issues faced by children and youth with special health care needs. Read more about AMCHP's ongoing work to optimize health for children and youth with special health care needs here: <http://www.amchp.org/programsandtopics/CYSHCN/Pages/default.aspx>.



We also want to highlight the work that MCH professionals are doing to support children with special health care across the nation. **Check out the Innovation Station Practices below to learn more:**

- [Universal Autism Screening](#), Tennessee (Cutting-Edge, 2017) The Tennessee Department of Health launched statewide screening for Autism Spectrum Disorders utilizing the Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers, Revised with Follow-up in accordance with current evidence-based recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for the Disease Control.
- [Universal Adoption of Bright Futures](#), Georgia (Cutting-Edge, 2015) On November 1, 2010, the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) Division of Medical Assistance Plans adopted the American Academy of Pediatrics 2008 Bright Futures Recommendations for Pediatric Health Care periodicity schedule for its Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment program. Implementing the 2008 schedule in 2010 allowed the fee-for service and managed care members and their providers to operate on the same periodicity schedule.
- [Innovative Approaches: Community Systems Building Grants for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs](#), North Carolina (Best, 2018) The purpose of the Innovative Approaches initiative is threefold: (1) to thoroughly examine the community system of care for CYSHCN; (2) to facilitate community identification of sustainable system changes and promising practices; and (3) to coordinate the implementation of these practices with agencies, providers, and families in the community.



Do you see a practice that you would like to replicate in your area? Get in touch with the project contact to learn about their challenges, successes, and how you can adapt the practice to fit your needs. If you decide to replicate all or part of the practice, [visit our website](#) to find out about opportunities to fund this work.



Are you also working to support children and youth with special health care needs, or to address other MCH issues? Share your practice with Innovation Station to receive recognition, help others learn from your great work, and make a difference in MCH. Learn more about AMCHP's practice categories and submission process [here](#).

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