

State: Delaware

**What is your team's biggest strength around telehealth programs?**

A major strength of our current telehealth initiative to serve young children with ASD is the **enterprise backing** on the telehealth platform from Nemours/A.I. duPont Hospital for Children. Through using the existing **VidyoMobile platform** at Nemours, there is ongoing support for telehealth and technology use. This backing has supported our work as we look to expand telehealth opportunities for families of children with ASD.

**Describe your team's biggest challenge around telehealth programs.**

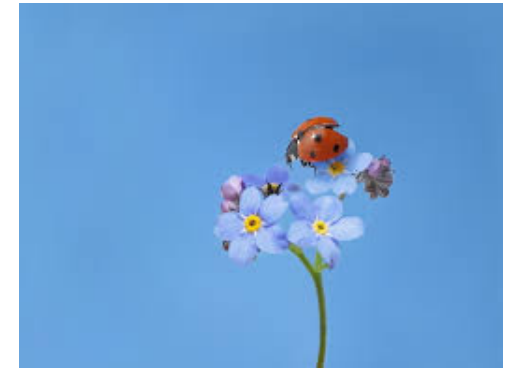
A major challenge is around **technology**. One challenge that has arisen is the use of **interpretation services** within a telehealth session. The Nemours system utilizes an iPad-based interpreter service. It has not been feasible to date to connect the interpreter with the telehealth (Vidyo) platform. This challenge limits to provision of service to English-speaking families. Another challenge has been **internet connectivity** for families in rural locations.

**Describe ONE current strategy that your state is using around telehealth.**

We are currently conducting a pilot, known as **Tele-TOTs** (Treatment On Time), to provide **parent coaching interventions to parents/caregivers of young children with autism spectrum disorder via telemedicine**. HRSA grant partner, Nemours A.I. duPont Hospital for Children, offers telemedicine services through the VidyoMobile platform. The platform allows providers to connect with patients through a secure mobile app that can be downloaded on a personal smartphone or tablet. For patients who do not have this technology readily available, there are primary care clinics equipped to accommodate telemedicine sessions. Through a quality improvement initiative supported by the HRSA grant, Nemours psychologists are now **utilizing telehealth to offer therapy to families in their homes focused on challenging behaviors and social communication**.

**What's one interesting thing about your state?**

The Delaware state insect is the ladybug.



**What does your team hope to gain from this meeting?**

1. Methods for improving telehealth connections.
2. Platforms and systems being used by other states to conduct evaluations through telehealth. Our current system does not allow the provider to have control over moving the camera at the other end, which is key need for conducting evaluations.