

State: **WISCONSIN**

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

Our strength is that we have a project co-PI (William MacLean) with prior experience at a UCEDD in a rural state that used telehealth strategies to deliver expertise to underserved areas. We have staff who are very interested in piloting models with our 3 ECQuIP sites to build capacity to reach families through telehealth.

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

Telehealth regulations in Wisconsin are rather restrictive. For example, Medicaid only covers live synchronous telehealth, and there are limited providers and locations being covered. There is no requirement for private insurance coverage for telehealth in our state.

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

We are building awareness among Wisconsin Act Early State Team members that *other states*, confronted with capacity issues and long waiting periods for diagnostic visits, have engaged in with community providers to adopt best-practice care for ASD in health care settings using telehealth.

The Wisconsin Act Early State Team meeting in November, 2017, included presentations by William MacLean and leaders *from other states*- Mei Wa Kwong, Ctr for Connected Health Policy; Rene Jamison, Pediatric Ctr for Child Health and Development at Univ of Kansas Medical Ctr; and Judy Theriot, Commission for CSHCN at Univ of Louisville-Kentucky on telehealth.

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

While the need for better access to ASD services in rural areas is obvious and well-documented, Wisconsin also has several "frontier counties" and inner-city urban communities that also would benefit from having access to services through distance communication methods.

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

Knowledge of successful implementation of telehealth related to ASD - screening, diagnosis & treatment. At what point in the process was telehealth used? What needed to be in place in advance of a telehealth visit? What technology was used and what are the pitfalls to avoid? How does telehealth get paid for?