

Medical Home Newsletter

FamilyHealth Medical Clinic Farmington

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WHAT IS A MEDICAL HOME?

A medical home is not a building, house or hospital but rather a way to provide high-quality health care services in a cost-effective manner.

A medical home is a process of care offered by primary care providers in partnership with families of children with Special Health Care Needs (SHCN).

Children and families are recognized welcomed and supported by their medical home. More information can be found at www.medicalhome.org or by contacting Dr. Mary Wild Crea.

WHY HAVE A MEDICAL HOME?

- Family-centered care
- Longer appointments for children with special needs
- Communication and coordination of care with subspecialty doctors, therapists and schools
- Connections to community resources

WHAT DO FAMILIES SAY?

"We have a care plan for our son that we've used for specialist appointments and hospital care which has reduced the number of questions that we've had to answer repeatedly in the past. The care providers also have all of the information that they need for my son. I would highly recommend that every child with special health concerns have a personal care plan."

Holly
(Andrew's mom)

APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Our goal is to identify children with autism early so that effective treatment can be started at the earliest age possible.

Autism Screening: The M-CHAT (Modified Childhood Autism Screening Tool) is being used routinely at 18 months and 24 months at our clinic.

WEB SITES TO CHECK OUT

www.ianproject.org
www.autismspeaks.org
www.autism-society.org

WHAT IS NAMI?

National Alliance on Mental Illness.
www.namimn.org

NAMI offers a parents connections group for parents of children with challenging behaviors. Meetings in Apple Valley/Lakeville area 2nd Tuesday of each month. Childcare available for children 4-14 years of age. Call 651-645-2948 for more information.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

PACER – www.pacer.org, 952-838-9000
NAMI – www.namimn.org, 651-645-2948
Dakota County Community Services – 651-554-5611
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