CATCH Grants: Texas
1993-2010
Below you will find a list of programs implemented in Texas through CATCH grants. The list is organized by grant type (Planning, Implementation, or Resident Grants), with the most recent grants listed first in each category. Please visit the AAP Grant Database at [http://www.aap.org/commpeds/grantsdatabase/grantsdb.cfm](http://www.aap.org/commpeds/grantsdatabase/grantsdb.cfm) to search projects directly. AAP members can obtain contact information for the grantees via the AAP database by logging in through the AAP Member Center.

CATCH Planning Grants: Texas

**Project Title:** Every Child Counts in Ellis County  
**City, State:** Waxahachie, TX  
**Year (start of the project):** 2010  
**Program Name:** CATCH Planning Grants  
**Primary Topic:** Medical Home  

**Program Description:** In Ellis County, access for a medical home and newborn well care is either non-existent or extremely limited for children of young mothers who are on Medicaid or are uninsured. At this time, 50% of the newborns delivered in the local hospital fall into this category. With the CATCH Planning Grant, Hope Clinic is proposing to plan for an innovative, community-based initiative that will introduce the medical home concept and determine the interest in the use of Hope Clinic as a medical home for uninsured children of young mothers and those on Medicaid. Our hope is to increase children's access to a medical home in their own community. The plan will include a needs assessment, involvement with the local hospitals, churches, and community groups, and will include such components as well newborn care, medical home access, transportation to appointments, home visits, parenting classes and support groups.

**Projects Goals & Objectives: ** 1. Evaluate the understanding of the concept of medical home in the target population, determine the interest in the use of Hope Clinic as a medical home option, and assess barriers and acceptable solutions to quality medical homes for these children and their families; 2. Assess the need for and develop a referral program, partnering with the WIC office and the local hospital, to ensure that all uninsured young mothers and their babies, or those on Medicaid,
transition to Hope Clinic as their medical home; 3. Develop partnerships with local churches and community groups for a future, sustainable mentoring program for these young parents to provide home visits, transportation, and parenting support, with the goal being to introduce and gain the family’s confidence in the concept of Hope Clinic as a place of continuous medical well and sick care and support for the patient and parent.

**Project Title:** CAMP: Children and Mothers Project

**City, State:** Houston, TX

**Year (start of the project):** 2010

**Program Name:** CATCH Planning Grants

**Primary Topic:** Family Violence

**Program Description:** In following the AAP Committee on Child Abuse's recommendation that intervening on the behalf of battered women is effective child abuse prevention, #1 the goal of CAMP's planning phase is to create a community coalition of consisting of the local pediatricians, nursing staff, administrators, social workers and intimate partner violence (IPV) service providers, as well as Texas Children's Hospital Child Protection Program. The coalition will develop: a training to educate and encourage physicians in implementing IPV screening at medical homes; two protocols to screen and provide referrals for IPV in practices with and without social workers; community resource lists and materials for families. The coalition will identify necessary resources to allow medical homes to screen and manage IPV in partnership with community-based organization with the goals of sustainability and dissemination. The end product will be a well planned program for busy community-based pediatric clinics and a successful partnership with IPV agencies.

**Projects Goals & Objectives:** 1. Survey local community-based pediatricians for current IPV screening practices and for barriers or concerns for screening mothers; 2. Develop a training and materials to teach community-based pediatric practices about IPV as a pediatric issue. Design a screening process and a protocol to address positive screens for IPV dependent upon family safety; 3. Establish a network of IPV providers and child maltreatment professionals for community-based pediatric practices to effectively address family violence.
Project Title: Children's Outreach: Targeted Community Needs Assessment  
City, State: Dallas, TX  
Year (start of the project): 2008  
Program Name: CATCH Planning Grants  
Primary Topic: Health Disparities  
Program Description: Children's Medical Center (Children's) has charged its Community Outreach Committee, a multidisciplinary group of healthcare providers and leaders, with identifying and addressing community healthcare needs in targeted underserved communities in the Dallas area. We request funding to pilot a comprehensive needs assessment tool in the first identified community, the Turner Court neighborhood in South Dallas, for evaluation of that community's specific healthcare needs and for future replication in other needy communities. Children's will develop a bilingual community health questionnaire, administer the questionnaire to the Turner Court community, analyze the data collected, and generate a needs assessment report. This report will drive Children's community health efforts at Turner Court (be that the development of a medical home, health education and training, or some combination). Through proper planning and implementation, our underserved communities can thrive, and our residents can experience optimal health and quality of life  
Projects Goals & Objectives: 1. Create a community health questionnaire that can be used in the pilot community to assess healthcare needs, and that can be replicated in other areas throughout Dallas in ongoing intervention projects; 2. Administer the community health questionnaire in the pilot community; and 3. Assess the data gathered by the questionnaire and generate a comprehensive needs assessment report in order to match identified needs with targeted community specific interventions.

Project Title: Muslim Healthy Kids: Child Health Needs Assessment  
City, State: Houston, TX  
Year (start of the project): 2008  
Program Name: CATCH Planning Grants  
Primary Topic: Health Education & Prevention  
Program Description: The Houston-Area Islamic Community is diverse with unique healthcare needs and potential disparities as yet not fully identified nor
specifically addressed. It encompasses unique cultural mores with regard to care and has particular focused informational needs that may affect children's access to care if not defined and addressed. This project will conduct a series of focus groups and surveys held in conjunction with evaluated monthly child/family health lectures in an effort to identify healthcare attitudes and beliefs, probe for potential barriers to care, and define specific needs for culturally appropriate community public health outreach within the community with regard to child health issues. The aim of the needs assessment is to identify barriers families encounter in utilizing traditional pediatric offices, understanding health promotional information and guidelines, and integrating cultural medical beliefs with traditional medical homes. This information will help further inform ways to improve access to care.

Projects Goals & Objectives: 1. Plan and conduct a series of focus groups in conjunction with take home health information (given as an incentive for parents to attend the focus groups) for the 6 month grant period to assess needs and identify barrier to care within the community. 2. Develop and implement survey questionnaires at family events and large community gatherings to further obtain a convenience sample representative of community needs. Additional focus groups will be utilized to help plan, design, implement, and interpret the survey. 3. Evaluate and present findings to key stakeholders in the project to disseminate information and formally invite partners to meet and plan next steps to address needs identified.

Project Title: School-Based Health Outreach Campaign
City, State: McAllen, TX
Year (start of the project): 2008
Program Name: CATCH Planning Grants
Primary Topic: SCHIP/Medicaid Enrollment
Program Description: The School-Based Health Outreach Campaign is a CHIP and Children's Medicaid (CM) school based enrollment and health education program designed to identify 100% of uninsured children, link them to health insurance, as well as a medical home, and thereby reduce unnecessary emergency room visits. Nurses, parental involvement liaisons, and information technology will be involved in the planning process for implementation at the middle high school level. This sustainable program will capture health insurance data from the school district registration form to identify students with private health insurance, CHIP, CM or
uninsured. Parental Involvement Liaisons will offer insight on how to reach families. Information Technology will generate reports to identify uninsured students by campus. Nurses will have pertinent information to refer students for health issues. Information Technology will be able to generate reports that show how the uninsured rate decreases as students and families are assisted with the application process.

Projects Goals & Objectives: 1. Design a health insurance survey tool to be included on all student registration forms. 2. Design a database entry on the current district system to collect insurance information on all enrolled students. 3. Design a training program for all identified partners in the school district to implement an educational component linking 100% of children to a medical home, CHIP or Children's Medicaid.

Project Title: Shots PLUS: Linking Immunizations to Developmental Screening
City, State: Houston, TX
Year (start of the project): 2007
Program Name: CATCH Planning Grants
Primary Topic: Child Development/Developmental Delay
Program Description: The provision of "immunization only" visits in Texas has been important in terms of increasing childhood immunization rates for our state, which is ranked 47th in the nation according to recent statistics. However, when "shots only" visits are provided, risk-based screening for other health care concerns is lost. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, 1 in 6 children have developmental or behavioral concerns, but only 30% of those children are detected by pediatricians. Linking developmental screening may result in improved detection and early referral. The proposed project will gather information from parents of children receiving immunizations only. These parents will complete surveys or interviews with regard to why they seek immunizations "only"; if, and when and where, they receive comprehensive health care or routine well child care, whether or not they have concerns about their children's development/behavior, and whether or not another provider has inquired as to that concern.

Projects Goals & Objectives: 1. Ascertain by interview/survey the motivation, needs and concerns of parents who present for "immunization only" visits in community-based health centers or related programs, and the incidence of behavioral health concerns in those parents; 2. Assess willingness to participate in
developmental and behavioral screening by community agencies who provide childhood immunizations; 3. Conduct focus groups on barriers that individual agencies encounter with referring children to a medical home where global health care can be provided, including developmental screening and evaluation.

**Project Title:** EHDI for ALL infants  
**City, State:** Houston, TX  
**Year (start of the project):** 2006  
**Program Name:** CATCH Planning Grants  
**Primary Topic:** Hearing  
**Program Description:** Each year approximately 85,800 infants born in Houston undergo hearing screening and about 4,200 fail their initial screening. Roughly half of the infants that fail --2,100 every year -- are 'lost to follow-up' and may not receive treatment. Hearing loss must be detected and intervention provided to infants before six months of age in order for them to have the best chance of normal language development. However, there are numerous barriers to accessing these critical services. They include socioeconomic, language, geographic, knowledge, and communication barriers. This project will examine potential reasons why infants may not receive follow-up care and will identify solutions.  
**Projects Goals & Objectives:** 1. Convene a coalition of stakeholders to address the issue of infants with hearing loss who are 'lost to follow up'; 2. Identify strategies to increase follow up care for hearing loss in infants by conducting surveys, interviews, and focus groups among medical home providers and other medical providers; and 3. Secure funding for implementation of the project.

**Project Title:** Rural El Paso Oral Health Assessment  
**City, State:** Tornillo, TX  
**Year (start of the project):** 2006  
**Program Name:** CATCH Planning Grants  
**Primary Topic:** Oral/Dental Health  
**Program Description:** El Paso County is a border community of 600,000 people, 93% Hispanic, including rural developing cities where the Texas Tech Department of Pediatrics has partnered with school districts to establish Wellness Centers. Within two such school-based Wellness Centers, in Tornillo and Horizon City, it has become
apparent that oral hygiene and education is very poor. This project proposes to improve prevention and access to dental care. Activities will include assessing the current status of oral health in our respective communities, and seeking funding for supplies to donate to local children.

**Projects Goals & Objectives:** 1. Oral Health Needs Assessment; 2. Partnership Development (dentists, toothbrush donors, local training programs); and 3. Tool Development educational handouts and teaching curriculum).

**Project Title:** Back to Community Care  
**City, State:** Houston, TX  
**Year (start of the project):** 2004  
**Program Name:** CATCH Planning Grants  
**Primary Topic:** Access/Barriers to Health Care (LHI)

**Program Description:** Research and follow-up data are sparse on the numbers of high-risk infants discharged from neonatal intensive units (NICU) who do not have access to a medical home at discharge but who actually require increased medical care services. Medicaid managed care, increased numbers of uninsured and underinsured, and limited numbers of pediatricians who accept Medicaid make it difficult for parents to access the multi-faceted health care system. Our goal is to determine how many high-risk NICU graduates are unable to access medical care in the first year post-discharge, and, when care was inaccessible, to identify the barriers they encountered.

**Projects Goals & Objectives:** The goals of this project are: 1) To conduct retrospective review of infants discharged from the neonatal intensive care unit and determine how many graduates were unable to access quality medical care in the first six-weeks post-discharge, 2) To write a grant to implement a prospective study to determine barriers to access health care during the first six weeks post discharge, 3) To establish a focus group with the discharging neonatologist, the primary care pediatricians who will care for the discharged infants and supervise primary services, parents of discharged NICU high-risk infants who have had difficulty accessing the system, medical directors of Medicaid Managed Care Programs, discharge planning coordinator, social services and data analysts from the University of Texas School of Public Health, 4) To complete a needs assessment survey with the focus group, 5) To develop a questionnaire to be distributed to primary care pediatricians in the
Houston metropolitan area, and 6) To identify alternate support system.

**Project Title:** Comprehensive Child Healthcare in Hudspeth County  
**City, State:** El Paso, TX  
**Year (start of the project):** 2004  
**Program Name:** CATCH Planning Grants  
**Primary Topic:** Medical Home  
**Program Description:** The Department of Pediatrics will facilitate the evaluation of resources, planning and integration of project participants to design and implement a medical home for children. El Paso Pediatric Society physicians have committed by giving time and work in these communities to provide services to the children. Collaboration among the Department of Pediatrics, state and governmental agencies will increase involvement and enrollment for children in SCHIP and Medicaid from the partnering communities.  
**Projects Goals & Objectives:** The goals of this project are: 1) To develop and administer a formal healthcare needs assessment, 2) To conduct community-wide public forms, 3) To conduct planning meetings with community advocates and associations, 4) To have discussions with the people directly involved with the project, 5) To summarize and analyze data, and 6) To identify appropriate resources and strategies based on data evaluation.

**Project Title:** Tailoring the Healthy Steps Approach to Community Practices  
**City, State:** Houston, TX  
**Year (start of the project):** 2002  
**Program Name:** CATCH Planning Grants  
**Primary Topic:** Medical Home  
**Program Description:** This project aims to enhance the ability of Cullen Health Center and Ripley House Pediatrics to provide a family-centered medical home to children. The project will use the Healthy Steps (HS) approach of adding HS Specialist(s) to the health care team to foster relationships among children, parents, their pediatric practice, and their community. The lead pediatrician will work with the HS Specialist to coordinate community outreach efforts and plan for the implementation of the HS approach. Expected outcomes include increasing the number of children under age 3 receiving developmental assessments, anticipatory...
guidance, and well-child visits; increasing standard immunizations; increasing positive parenting; and referrals to appropriate community resources.

**Projects Goals & Objectives:** The goals of this project are: 1) To conduct a needs assessment of sites' population and staff, 2) To asset map the sites target areas and the sites ability to support HS, 3) To create program and budget planning, 4) To evaluate the planning and tool development, 5) To conduct grantwriting and reimbursement research, and 6) To prepare reports for CATCH.

**Project Title:** Children With Special Health Care Needs in Del Valle, Texas
**City, State:** Del Valle, TX
**Year (start of the project):** 2001
**Program Name:** CATCH Planning Grants
**Primary Topic:** CSHCN/Disabilities

**Program Description:** The project will plan and develop a systematic approach to assure access to community-based, culturally competent, primary health care and education for children with special health care needs in the Del Valle Independent School District by addressing identification of barriers in education, communication, and transportation.

**Projects Goals & Objectives:** The goals of this project are: 1) To expand identification of children with SHCN other than developmental delays in DVISD, 2) To work with Even Start to learn how to identify barriers to acknowledgement of disability in this Hispanic population, 3) To plan a process to promote community identification of CWC as appropriate medical home for children with special medical needs, 4) To create an environment supportive for enrollment assistance and ongoing system navigation for CHIP, 5) To begin work with University of Texas School of Social Work to create a link between school and clinic and community, and 6) To begin work with the University of Texas School of Nursing to plan for the provision of a chronic care component of nursing education.

**Project Title:** Helping Hands for a Healthy Head Start
**City, State:** Corpus Christi, TX
**Year (start of the project):** 2000
**Program Name:** CATCH Planning Grants
**Program Description:** Nueces County Community Action Agency (NCCAA) Head
Start Center is a joint venture between the Head Start program and community health partners to meet the needs of providing medical homes to low-income children. Despite wide availability in the city's communities, access barriers exist. Children enrolled in the Head Start and Early Head Start programs are able to receive preventative health care, but their siblings may not have that opportunity because of barriers such as lack of insurance, transportation, or parent education. This proposal aims to improve the access of medical homes for Head Start students, as well as their siblings.

Projects Goals & Objectives: The goals of this project are: 1) To identify/recruit Planning Committee members, 2) To conduct community orientation to explain concept and solicit involvement and commitment, 3) To conduct 6 ongoing meetings with community partners to develop needs assessment plan, 4) To conduct focus group meetings with target population at each of the 21 Head Start Centers located in Nueces County, 5) To analyze findings of needs assessment and prioritize needs, 6) To distribute findings of assessment to community partners/community at large, 7) To conduct town meeting to disseminate assessment findings, and 8) To produce documents to distribute to the Hispanic community.

Project Title: The Galveston County Immunization Coalition
City, State: Galveston, TX
Year (start of the project): 2000
Program Name: CATCH Planning Grants
Program Description: The Greater Galveston Immunization Coalition is a collaborative effort of concerned citizens, neighborhood and service organizations, ministries, and health care professionals interested in improving immunization rates in Galveston County, Texas, and surrounding areas. The interdisciplinary coalition is expanding its previous efforts and has increased its community and geographical representation. The group had identified a 2-fold focus: (1) have routine immunization days on a monthly basis in neighborhoods where immunization rates are low, and (2) develop a tracking and follow-up process to provide reminders and increase compliance by identifying transportation and other obstacles to compliance.

Projects Goals & Objectives: The goals of this project are: 1) To partner with other organizations in the community to identify outreach and immunization opportunities, 2) To identify host organizations for various areas of the county that
link with food banks and rent assistance programs as immunization sites, 3) To recruit a core of volunteers that can cover identified Galveston County host sites, 4) To commit to the statewide ImmTrac System for the tracking of immunizations, in physicians’ offices, school nurse offices and emergency rooms, 5) To develop guidelines for policy and procedures that facilitate broad use of the ImmTrac System by the Galveston County community, 6) To develop a 1-800 number for families to call to identify when and where the closest immunization site is, 7) To develop a call back process to remind and encourage families of their immunization schedule and identify and resolve potential obstacles detouring them, and 8) To use the current website (www.tdh.texas.gov/immunize/coalition) to post the calendar of immunization activities.

**Project Title:** Catching Them Early Linking Children With Disabilities to Medical Homes and Services  
**City, State:** Austin, TX  
**Year (start of the project):** 1999  
**Program Name:** CATCH Planning Grants  
**Primary Topic:** Parenting/Parent Education  
**Program Description:** This informational and educational program is for parents who recently had a child born with a disability. The objective is to inform the parents of the importance of medical homes and keeping appointments. It allows parents to know how and where to receive occupational therapy, physical therapy, nutritional information, audiology, visual and speech therapy, respite care, help from nurses, and infant massage. The program also intends to address why parents disconnect from doctors and other resources during discharge planning.  
**Projects Goals & Objectives:** The goals of this project were: 1) To conduct interviews with social workers working with children with special needs, 2) To develop and distribute a survey to be mailed to parents who have a disabled child, 3) To develop a collaboration of people to address the needs of families with disabled children, 4) To develop and initiate the Moms and Kids Playtime Program, a support group for parents who have disabled children, and 5) To develop a notebook for parents to track their child’s health issues.
Project Title: Downtown Center for Health Initiative
City, State: Austin, TX
Year (start of the project): 1999
Program Name: CATCH Planning Grants
Primary Topic: Medical Home
Program Description: CATCH Planning Funds will allow for the development of grant proposals to expand existing collaborative services at a downtown clinic/charter school serving high-risk adolescents from a 6 hour per week limited clinic to a more comprehensive clinic with greater accessibility, more services, and an expanded target population. Program goals include: providing a medical home to uninsured adolescents, their children, siblings, and partners; establishing community links to serve additional high-risk youth; and expanding services to better encompass mental health needs and health promotion. CATCH Planning Funds will be used to perform a needs assessment, establish additional community links, and develop proposals to obtain operating funds.
Projects Goals & Objectives: The goals of this project were: 1) To hire a statistician to consult for needs assessment, 2) To conduct focus groups & needs assessment survey, 3) To research into possible funding sources, 4) To conduct community-links meetings, 5) To define long-term outcome measures, and 6) To develop grant proposals.

Project Title: Pediatric Access to Dental Services (PADS)
City, State: Odessa, TX
Year (start of the project): 1999
Program Name: CATCH Planning Grants
Primary Topic: Oral/Dental Health
Program Description: The Medical Center of Family Health opened in 1995. The ambulatory clinic was established as an access to primary care for children who did not have providers and also to eliminate the inappropriate use of the emergency room. In order to have complete care for these children, parenting classes, well-child exams, immunizations, and story hour from the county library was initiated. In providing the well-child exams, many patients were noted to have bottle caries and other dental needs. No dentist was available for these indigent children. The purpose of this CATCH Planning Funds grant is to study the dental needs of indigent children.
of Ector County, Texas, and to find a solution to foster total care of the pediatric patients.

Projects Goals & Objectives: The goals of this project were: 1) To meet with the community steering committee, 2) To begin data gathering efforts, 3) To contact potential community coalition members, 4) To formulate data collection, 5) To meet and present the findings of the data collection to the community coalition, 6) To meet with community dentists, and 7) To create and send a survey of dental health needs to all school nurses in Odessa Elementary schools.

Project Title: Jovenes Saludables Seran Adultos Saludables (From Healthy Youth to Healthy Adults)

City, State: Mission, TX

Year (start of the project): 1998

Program Name: CATCH Planning Grants

Primary Topic: Overweight & Obesity (LHI)

Program Description: The project aims to screen for overweight/obesity among adolescents in Mission, TX, to identify those with or at high risk for developing related morbidity; and to facilitate the provision of medical homes for these children. Furthermore, the project will develop and implement a community-based comprehensive health behavior intervention program that provides family-oriented nutrition education, an exercise program, and psychological counseling. The goal of the program is to reduce the prevalence of obesity and its co-morbidity in the target population and encourage enduring lifestyle changes. The planning phase will involve school-based screening and the generation of a prevalence report from this data; recruitment and collaboration of community agencies to provide logistic, technical, and financial support to each component of the program; and the acquisition of grants and exploration of the feasibility of incorporating the intervention program into school curricula or into a self-sustaining community-based effort.

Projects Goals & Objectives: The goals of this project were: 1) To determine the extent of the problem of obesity and comorbidities in the target population, 2) To screen secondary school students of the Mission CISD for parameters to identify those who are overweight and have or are at high risk for related morbidity, 3) To generate a prevalence report based on the findings, 4) To ensure that identified at-risk teens have access to appropriate medical services, 5) To facilitate the provision
of medical homes for preventive/therapeutic management, 6) To facilitate enrollment in subsidized assistance or affordable insurance programs for which they may be eligible, 7) To develop an implementation plan for a self-sustaining school and community-based comprehensive health behavior intervention program with the goal of reducing the prevalence of obesity and comorbidity in the target population and encouraging enduring lifestyle changes, 8) To recruit community agencies and institutions to collaborate and participate in the development of such plans that are in line with their respective institution goals and objectives, 9) To create a plan for an intervention program that will encompass family-oriented nutrition education, an exercise program, and psychological support, and 10) To obtain grants and funding to allow institutions to integrate the developed program into their respective operations.

**Project Title:** Project Confidence: Telemedicine Links to Support Local Providers Establish Medical Homes for Children With Special Health Care Needs

**City, State:** Galveston, TX

**Year (start of the project):** 1998

**Program Name:** CATCH Planning Grants

**Primary Topic:** CSHCN/Disabilities

**Program Description:** Children with special health care needs (CSHCN) diagnosed at a tertiary care center can be managed by establishing a medical home for their holistic care through telemedicine in a cost-effective way. Telemedicine, a 2-way audio/video link between 2 sites in East Texas is now serving as a tertiary link for CSHCN discharged to their homes. By conducting a needs assessment of local health providers and conducting focus groups, plans can be made to develop a system of communication to support CSHCN for their comprehensive primary care in their community.

**Projects Goals & Objectives:** The goals of this project were: 1) To develop a comprehensive list of health care providers in two telemedicine sites, 2) To create a needs assessment survey to evaluate barriers to providing care for CSHCN locally, 3) To complete a needs assessment, and 4) To conduct focus groups with site professionals to establish case management profiles.
Project Title: Promotores de Salud/Health Promoters  
City, State: Houston, TX  
Year (start of the project): 1997  
Program Name: CATCH Planning Grants  
Primary Topic: Immigrant/Migrant/Refugee/Undocumented Health  
Program Description: This project seeks to determine the feasibility of implementing a promotores de salud (health promoters) program in the apartment complexes of the Gulfton community of southwest Houston. These apartments house recent refugees from Central and South America, and Mexico. The concept of health promoters is very familiar to these immigrants, and the program will be patterned after promotores de salud programs in Central America and in Spanish-speaking communities in Texas. A health promoter is a person chosen by and from the community who receives formal instruction in specific health areas. The promoter, in turn, makes this information available to fellow apartment dwellers through formal and informal talks, demonstrations, and role modeling. The promoter also serves as a liaison between the community and the medical community.  
Projects Goals & Objectives: The goals of this project were: 1) To research other health promoter projects, 2) To identify need for and level of health education among apartment residents, and 3) To collaborate with other organizations.

Project Title: Project Vida  
City, State: El Paso, TX  
Year (start of the project): 1996  
Program Name: CATCH Planning Grants  
Primary Topic: Border Health  
Program Description: Project Vida is a community-based agency providing multiple integrated services in the 79905 zip code and Census Tract 28 in response to identified community priorities of health, housing, education, and gang prevention. The community, which lies on El Paso’s border with Mexico, is very low income (median income less than $7,000 for a family of 4) and mostly Hispanic. Project Vida serves approximately 1,500 families in the area. Last year, 15% of young children (6 weeks to 3 years) screened by clinic staff showed measurable delay in social or emotional development not related to a physical condition. The project’s objectives throughout the grant cycle were to determine the level of school-
age children in the region, focusing on Census Tracts 28 and 29, with learning
disabilities and behavioral problems who were not receiving appropriate services;
determine obstacles including financial, cultural, and physical to obtaining
appropriate services; and develop a proposal to recruit families and provide
appropriate services.

Projects Goals & Objectives: The goals of this project were: 1) To determine the
level of school age children in the 79905 Zip Cod area, and focusing on Census
Tracts 28 and 29, with learning disabilities and behavioral problems who are not
receiving appropriate services, 2) To determine any obstacles including financial,
cultural, and physical to obtaining appropriate services, and 3) To develop a proposal
to recruit families and provide appropriate services.

Project Title: VLBW<1500 Grams of 3#; PREMIERe Program
City, State: San Antonio, TX
Year (start of the project): 1996
Program Name: CATCH Planning Grants
Primary Topic: CSHCN/Disabilities
Program Description: VLBW (very low birth weight) infants suffer a drop in
adequate medical attention between the newborn intensive care unit and subsequent
care in the pediatric community. The major problem is the provision of ongoing,
preventative, anticipatory, effective pediatric care for the very small premature baby
who has been discharged from an intensive, high-tech hospitalization that has often
lasted several months. Premature babies constitute a small percentage of a
pediatrician’s practice, and are more often born to mothers with few resources.
Pediatricians often have little information about these patients and face poor
compliance and high liability. The PREMIEre Program creates links between services
providers, resources, and families whose VLBW infant is less than 1500 g. The
project will set up links between the pediatrician and the intensive care unit before
the infant is discharged; preserve the link between the family and the pediatrician by
ongoing case management; and provide the link between the family and other
resources in the community when the pediatrician identifies specific needs.
Throughout the grant period additional funding sources will be sought; a final written
report will be developed.

Projects Goals & Objectives: The goals of this project were: 1) To define the
need of the population and families more precisely, 2) To agree on a process by which each preemie will be identified, each preemie's family engaged, information compiled by hospital physicians, and a community pediatrician identified and engaged prior to discharge, 3) To develop a group of pediatricians who will be representative of the community geographically, 4) To develop a directory of resources in the community, 5) To clarify the procedures for each of the communities major HMOs for the special needs of the preemie baby, and 6) To develop a pilot community project at Ella Austin local community center.

Project Title: Healthy Families/Healthy Start Program
City, State: Corpus Christi, TX
Year (start of the project): 1994
Program Name: CATCH Planning Grants
Primary Topic: Teenage Pregnancy & Parenting
Program Description: To develop a way to assist the growing number of teen mothers, CATCH Planning Funds were used to plan a home visitation program for teen mothers. The program will provide quality health care to all teen mothers in Corpus Christi, TX, and will serve as a medical home for teen mothers. The program aims to prevent child abuse, improve the home environments of these young mothers and their children, and decrease the incidence of repeat teen pregnancies.
Projects Goals & Objectives: The goals of this project were: 1) To organize the community coalition/working partners/community board in the project, 2) To identify funding streams for cash and in-kind services from the working partners, and public and private grants, 3) To develop modules for a culturally competent training course for the paraprofessionals who would provide the home visitation services, and 4) To identify the process by which pregnant teens will be referred to the program.

Project Title: Community Health Care Program for Children Living in the Colonias
City, State: Laredo, TX
Year (start of the project): 1993
Program Name: CATCH Planning Grants
Primary Topic: Border Health
Program Description: The aim of the program was to provide access to health
care services for children living in the colonias (rural area) of Laredo. In September 1994, a house to house survey of 121 households in the colonias of Los Altos in Webb County, Texas, was conducted with ten 2-person teams of volunteers. Through the survey, 35 households were identified with 69 children under 10 years of age. Of these identified children, 52 were provided physical exams and given a medical home with the Gateway Community Health Center of Laredo, TX, along with 22 additional children not identified in the initial survey but related to the households. An analysis of other risk factors is being performed with the hope that the data can be used to attract funding to improve border children’s health.

Projects Goals & Objectives: The goals of the project were to: 1) Conduct a survey of households in the Colonias to determine their health care needs, and 2) To identify children in need and provide them with a Medical Home.

CATCH Implementation Grants: Texas

Project Title: St Paul's: Healthy Kids, Healthy Families
City, State: Tyler, TX
Year (start of the project): 2010
Program Name: CATCH Implementation Grants
Primary Topic: Overweight & Obesity (LHI)
Program Description: St. Paul's Healthy Kids, Healthy Families is an obesity reduction program that will equip economically challenged families in our community with physical education and dietary guidance. The program will use school-based screening at a local Title I elementary school to identify children with BMIs greater than 85%. While we will target elementary school children, we recognize that obesity is a family struggle and will encourage participation from other children in the family as well as parents. Identified children and their families will be invited to enroll in the program that will occur in conjunction with the East Texas Food Bank's summer lunch program. Participants will be led in physical activity that they can easily continue at home and given culturally and economically appropriate nutritional guidance. Any children identified who are without a medical home to help support their weight management will be able to receive continuing care at the St. Paul Children's Clinic regardless of ability to pay. Outcome measures will include percentage of children identified who participate in the program; percentage of
families who complete program; and changes in dietary and physical activity identified by participants at the end of the program.

Projects Goals & Objectives: 1. Identify children in the target population with BMI greater than 85% and enroll in educational program; 2. Develop physical activity and nutrition curriculum focusing on cultural and economic barriers to healthy living; 3. Participants will increase physical activity and make at least three specific dietary changes that will improve health.

Project Title: Triaging At-Risk Children to Medical Homes
City, State: San Antonio, TX
Year (start of the project): 2008
Program Name: CATCH Implementation Grants
Primary Topic: Child Abuse & Neglect
Program Description: Our specialized child abuse examination facility will recruit a pediatric nurse practitioner (PNP) to examine children referred by Child Protective Services (CPS) who are at risk for abuse or neglect but not in CPS custody. Most of these children do not have medical homes. The Center will screen them for Medicaid/S-CHIP eligibility. The PNP will identify community practices which can provide ongoing medical homes for these children and will develop a process to refer them to those medical homes.

Projects Goals & Objectives: 1. Community providers of primary care will be engaged as partners in providing medical homes for high-risk children receiving FBSS. 2. By the end of one project year, at least 350 children receiving FBSS and who lack a medical home will be referred to a primary care provider.

Project Title: Back to Community Care Outreach Initiative
City, State: Houston, TX
Year (start of the project): 2006
Program Name: CATCH Implementation Grants
Primary Topic: Access/Barriers to Health Care (LHI)
Program Description: The project goal is to establish an intervention program to address the discharge of high-risk infants from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) who do not have access to a medical home. Many of our nursery graduates are from low-income, minority and underserved families. Medicaid/CHIP, increased
numbers of uninsured and underinsured, and limited numbers of pediatricians who accept Medicaid make it difficult for parents to access the complex health care system; consequently, many parents are not prepared for the complex post-discharge responsibilities. This intervention will facilitate collaboration between parents and primary care pediatricians to ensure a successful transition back to community care.

**Projects Goals & Objectives:** 1. Establish a model intervention program to eliminate problematic approaches to the post-discharge care of underserved and at-risk infants presently not available; 2. Empower and educate parents in the discharge process by providing the skills, tools and a resource person necessary to tackle the complex post-discharge tasks; and 3. Ensure that all NICU graduates from Texas Children's Hospital are transitioned to a medical home.

**Project Title:** Connecting Kids to Clinic  
**City, State:** Houston, TX  
**Year (start of the project):** 2003  
**Program Name:** CATCH Implementation Grants  
**Primary Topic:** Medical Home  
**Program Description:** All children are entitled to a medical home. The Texas Children’s Hospital Residents’ Primary Care Group (RPCG) Clinic is a pediatric residents’ continuity clinic located in an academic medical center of Houston, TX. It serves a population that is largely Hispanic, low-income, and covered by public or charity funding. Connecting Kids to Clinic is an intervention designed by pediatricians in collaboration with the public mass-transit organization in an effort to improve children’s access to a medical home. Newly proposed project activities include administration of post-intervention surveys to determine the impact of the program on caretakers’ utilization of mass transit.

**Projects Goals & Objectives:** The goals of the program are 1) To improve access to a medical home for children, 2) To partner with the community's public mass transit organization in an effort to decrease missed well-child appointment rates of RPCG clinic, 3) To increase caretakers' awareness and use of public mass transit as a means of transportation to RPCG clinic, and 4) To determine the impact of the program on caretakers' self-efficacy in using mass transit to travel to and from clinic.
**Project Title:** Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services  
**City, State:** Houston, TX  
**Year (start of the project):** 2003  
**Program Name:** CATCH Implementation Grants  
**Primary Topic:** SCHIP Outreach  
**Program Description:** The near-southwest area of Houston has a large, low-income, multiethnic immigrant population. Many of the children are Medicaid and SCHIP eligible but do not access these services because of lack of ability to navigate the maze of eligibility requirements. This is likely to worsen as Texas prepares to revert to monthly eligibility for Medicaid recipients. ECHOS has as its mission helping people to navigate our scattered health care system, but has not developed a Medicaid/SCHIP eligibility program. This grant will be used to train both staff and volunteers to assist clients in obtaining Medicaid and SCHIP eligibility.  
**Projects Goals & Objectives:** The overall goal of the project is to connect people in need to available services. The objectives are to: 1) To identify core volunteers who desire to and have the skills to provide Medicaid and SCHIP eligibility services, 2) To identify next available training programs, 3) To obtain training in Medicaid and SCHIP Eligibility for staff and core volunteers, 4) To work with Gateway to Care to develop screening forms and strategies for maximizing eligibility for clients, 5) To pilot test and implement client screening with staff and core volunteers, 6) To develop training program for

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**Project Title:** Telemedicine: Medical Home Partner for Special Needs Children  
**City, State:** Texas City, TX  
**Year (start of the project):** 2003  
**Program Name:** CATCH Implementation Grants  
**Primary Topic:** CSHCN/Disabilities  
**Program Description:** Children with special health care needs, their families, and local providers have difficulty understanding the use of a medical home when specialists give a substantial amount of the child’s care. Using clinical video conferencing to communicate between the medical home/primary care practitioner (PCP) and specialist will provide a pattern of care that will increase the use of PCP services to establish and maintain medical homes. Methods used will include reviewing business practices and educating patients about medical homes, resulting
in the satisfaction of both the PCP and patient families. Results also will show improved patient care in the community and be replicable in rural and remote sites. **Projects Goals & Objectives:** The goals of this project are: 1) To convene/meet with an Intervention Committee to oversee the community-based clinic expansion/linkage to the Children's Center for Restorative Care, 2) To meet with the Texas City community-based clinic professional and support staff to explore opportunities for inclusion of program into daily office schedule, 3) To explore expansion opportunities for evaluation and consultation to the Texas City community-based clinic, 4) To design an evaluation tool for each participating site, 5) To develop procedures for billing, scheduling, and charting using video conferencing (VC), 6) To design materials to facilitate VC discharge planning to community-based clinics from the Children's Center for Restorative Care, and 7) To evaluate each site.

**CATCH Resident Grants: Texas**

**Project Title:** Resident Oral Health Initiative  
**City, State:** Garland, TX  
**Year (start of the project):** 2009  
**Program Name:** CATCH Resident Grants  
**Program Web Site:** [www.aap.org/catch/residentgrants.htm](http://www.aap.org/catch/residentgrants.htm)  
**Primary Topic:** Oral/Dental Health  
**Program Description:** Objectives: 1) To enhance physician knowledge in pediatric oral health evaluation 2) To establish the well child check as an opportunity to assess and promote pediatric oral health 3) To establish a dental home for our patients  
Methods: 1) Enhancement of physician knowledge: Includes speaking on the efficacy of fluoride varnishes in preventing dental caries during resident conferences, didactic sessions on the oral health evaluation during clinic, and creating posters with oral health information for physicians and families. 2) Incorporating the oral health evaluation into the well child check: Including the oral health evaluation, anticipatory guidance and fluoride varnish application. 3) Establishing the dental home: Includes surveying our patients to determine dental home needs and barriers to accessing dental care as well as to survey dental providers in Dallas as to who accepts Medicaid/CHIP and their current use of fluoride varnish. We will use this information
to provide our families with listings of dental homes and improve access to dental care. Project Evaluation: We will conduct a process evaluation after the program has been implemented for six months. Outcome measures will be number of children served. Additionally, we will track resident attendance at our dental health conferences and the number of attendings who attained certification in fluoride varnish application.

**Projects Goals & Objectives:**
1. To enhance resident and physician knowledge in pediatric oral health evaluation and training in the application of fluoride varnishes during well child checks;
2. To establish the well child check as an opportunity to assess and promote oral health among our patients and families by performing oral health risk assessments and anticipatory guidance as outlined by the American Academy of Pediatrics Oral Health Initiative;
3. To establish a dental medical home for our patients by referring to dental providers within our community. Our goal is to establish a dental medical home for approximately 1000 unique patients annually.

**Project Title:** Wounded Warriors' Children - A Medical Home

**City, State:** San Antonio, TX

**Year (start of the project):** 2008

**Program Name:** CATCH Resident Grants

**Program Description:** As pediatricians for a community of military dependents, we propose to coordinate military community resources to better provide comprehensive medical services for children of wounded warriors. One of the most important aspects of this care is the identification of these children, which would occur via a comprehensive intake evaluation that would screen for both routine healthcare maintenance issues as well as mental health issues. Once identified, these children would be plugged into a "medical home," which could serve as the gateway to any extended services needed by this population of children.

**Projects Goals & Objectives:**
1. Assess awareness of military resources available to children and families of wounded soldiers and assess resources used by these individuals.
2. Assess perceived barriers to access to care. Develop screening questions on intake interviews to better identify affected individuals.
3. Elicit support from military community partners to provide easier access to services for affected individuals. Then re-survey those who received services to assess level of satisfaction with services provided.
Project Title: CATCHing Babies Early: Improving Immunization Rates  
City, State: Dallas, TX  
Year (start of the project): 2006  
Program Name: CATCH Resident Grants  
Primary Topic: Immunizations (LHI)  
Program Description: In Dallas County, only 75% of children are fully immunized at 2 years, well below the national average. Studies show indigent and uninsured children are likely to be underimmunized and those behind at 3 months are likely to remain behind. We propose to follow newborns from Parkland Hospital, our county hospital, for the first 3 months of life to identify demographic and socioeconomic factors common among those not fully immunized.  
Projects Goals & Objectives: The goals of this program are to, identify common demographic and socioeconomic factors among families in Dallas County with children that are not fully immunized at 3 months of age, develop an early targeted intervention that addresses common barriers to care and will improve timely immunizations, and to compare immunization rates to number of Medicaid providers by geographic area within Dallas County.

Project Title: Defining Effective Medical Homes: Dallas, Texas  
City, State: Dallas, TX  
Year (start of the project): 2006  
Program Name: CATCH Resident Grants  
Primary Topic: Medical Home  
Program Description: In Dallas County, Community-Oriented Primary Care (COPC) clinics serve as medical homes for 37,000 Medicaid recipients and Children's Medical Center serves this population for urgent care. We propose to define the medical "homeness" of the COPC clinics based on physician/patient relationship by conducting surveys at COPC encounters. We hope to determine if the use of medical homes as defined in the literature is protective against ER visits. We plan to use this information to determine barriers to maintaining medical homes in our community, and to educate physicians and residents about their roles as primary providers.  
Projects Goals & Objectives: 1. Define the medical home provided by the COPC clinic system in Dallas County; and 2. Determine if the type of medical home decreases the utilization of the ER for urgent care in our population.
Project Title: Analysis of Barriers to Children's Health and Development  
City, State: Houston, TX  
Year (start of the project): 2004  
Program Name: CATCH Resident Grants  
Primary Topic: Access/Barriers to Health Care (LHI)  
Program Description: The project will conduct an investigation of the major obstacles to receiving adequate health care in the Houston area, with particular focus on the Hispanic American population. The project will use a model of health care delivery that cares for a range of sociodemographically diverse children: Texas Children’s Hospital. English and Spanish speaking patients arriving in the emergency department for first line therapy for gastroenteritis will be treated and followed for six months. Data will be gathered over the initial obstacles and availability of medical resources for these patients with recruitment of help from community clinics, pediatricians, school nurses, and families.  
Projects Goals & Objectives: The goals of the project are (1) to identify medical comes available to children who use the emergency department for primary care, (2) to measure real and perceived obstacles to accessing care, and (3) to examine any discordance between the availability of medical resources, impedients to care, and patient comprehension and satisfaction.

Project Title: Lonestar CATCH: Childhood Immunization Status, Dallas  
City, State: Dallas, TX  
Year (start of the project): 2004  
Program Name: CATCH Resident Grants  
Primary Topic: Immunizations (LHI)  
Program Description: In Dallas County, about 32% of children - mainly Medicaid, CHIP and uninsured patients - are not fully immunized. Since Children’s Medical Center predominantly serves this population, the hospital is an excellent setting to study their immunization status. We propose to identify barriers to timely immunizations using a survey during urgent care visits. A resident-based task force will use the information to design appropriate interventions and develop a geographically based list of VFC providers. Our goal is to improve immunization rates by educating residents and parents, incorporating the vaccine record into the
hospital record, and making immunizations a priority at each medical encounter.

**Projects Goals & Objectives:** The goals of the project are (1) to emphasize the importance of immunizations at every medical visit, (2) to incorporate vaccine record into the outpatient and inpatient medical record, and (3) encourage active involvement by residents and medical students in the community.

**Project Title:** Barriers to Accessing Oral Health Care  
**City, State:** Houston, TX  
**Year (start of the project):** 2002  
**Program Name:** CATCH Resident Grants  
**Primary Topic:** Oral/Dental Health  
**Program Description:** Low-income and minority children suffer disproportionately from dental caries and have limited access to oral health care. At the Continuity Clinic at Ben Taub General Hospital, pediatric residents care for such patients on a daily basis. Lack of knowledge about the importance of oral health and limited access to services that are available seem to be the biggest barriers to oral care. The goal of this project is to study the barriers that prevent patients from gaining access to oral health care in the community and to investigate the barriers that oral health providers face when trying to provide care to such patients. Once these barriers are identified, future projects can then be implemented to directly improve access to oral health care.

**Projects Goals & Objectives:** The goals of the program are: 1) To plan a needs assessment survey of the pediatric population and their families at BTGH, and 2) To plan an assessment and evaluation of the available oral health care providers in the community that offer reduced or free dental care.

**Project Title:** Why Patients Miss Appointments: Transportation Barrier and its Role in Influencing Patient's Ability to Make Health Maintenance Visits  
**City, State:** Houston, TX  
**Year (start of the project):** 2000  
**Program Name:** CATCH Resident Grants  
**Program Description:** At Texas Children’s Hospital Continuity Clinic, resident pediatricians care for an ethnically diverse and low-income population. Our goal in applying for this planning grant is to test our hypothesis that, of all the barriers to
health care for this population, lack of reliable transportation alone may account for
the high number of missed appointments. Many of our families do not own motor
vehicles, and the distance families live from the clinic coupled with the quality of
Houston’s mass transit impede their ability to make visits. This project will
investigate what role(s) transportation plays in our patients' low visit attendance.

**Projects Goals & Objectives:** The goals of this project were: 1) To complete
literature review, 2) To obtain IRB approval from Texas Children’s Hospital, 3) To
design and test instrument (15 minute questionnaire/interview script), 4) To hire
bilingual assistants to administer questionnaires during clinic visit, 5) To orient all
study collaborators regarding goals and study methodology, 6) To have focus groups
learn of parents' perceptions of barriers to access (at least 3), 7) To administer
questionnaires at clinic visits, parent group sessions, and by phone (projected goal:
30% of study population), 8) To compile and analyze data, 9) To generate report
and present finding to all study participants and collaborators, 10) To submit study
results for publication, and 11) To develop interventions with future collaborators to
overcome barriers to access.