

PCMH5ElementBFactor4- Material distributed to patients regarding integrating behavioral healthcare. This handout is posted in our waiting and exam rooms.



Park Pediatrics & Behavioral Health

As of April 2015, Park Pediatrics will be joining the BHIPP program (Maryland Behavioral Health Integration in Pediatric Primary Care) program to provide better behavioral health services for our patients.

B-HIPP is made possible through funding from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) and the Maryland State Department of Education– Early Learning Challenge Fund Grant. The program supports the following services:

- 1) Phone Consultation Service for Our Pediatricians:** Child mental health specialists are available Monday - Friday, 9am-5pm (except major holidays) to provide consultation in many areas of behavioral health including medication management, diagnostic issues, developmental delays, school/learning issues, autism spectrum disorders, trauma, and early childhood mental health.
- 2) Continuing Education:** B-HIPP offers opportunities for mental health skills training for PCPs. Training opportunities are informed by current data/literature on mental health prevention and treatment and will be responsive to priority needs of families and providers.
- 3) Referral & Resource Networking:** B-HIPP works to increase access to children's mental health services by improving linkages between PCPs and the mental health providers in their communities rather than by creating new services. B-HIPP collaborates with other state initiatives to identify local resources and support families through the use of existing care coordination and family navigation services.
- 4) Social Work Co-Location:** In partnership with Salisbury University, B-HIPP is piloting social work co-location in four pediatric primary care practices on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. In the co-location model, social work interns

are available on-site to provide screening, brief intervention, referral and real-time consultation to PCPs.