

HealthySteps Logic Model

HealthySteps transforms the promise of pediatric care to improve the health and well-being of babies and young children so that they thrive in school and life. We set the standard by integrating a child development specialist into the primary care team to promote healthy relationships, foster positive parenting, strengthen early social and emotional development, and ensure access to services that address both child and family needs, with a particular emphasis on families living in low-income communities.

INPUTS

- HealthySteps Specialist (HSS), families, Physician Champion, and clinic staff, all working as a team
- Training, technical assistance, and ongoing professional development from the National Office
- Diverse funding streams

APPROACH

- Preventive
- > Family-centered
- > Strengths-focused
- > Interdisciplinary
- > Relationship-based
- Culturally & linguistically attuned
- ➤ Well-coordinated

CORE COMPONENTS (SERVICES)

TIER 1. UNIVERSAL SERVICES

- ✓ Child developmental, social-emotional & behavioral screening
- ✓ Screening for family needs (i.e., maternal depression, other risk factors, social determinants of health)
- ✓ Child development support line (e.g., phone, text, email, online portal)

TIER 2. SHORT-TERM SUPPORTS (mild concerns)

All Tier 1 services plus...

- ✓ Child development & behavior consults
- ✓ Care coordination & systems navigation
- ✓ Positive parenting guidance & information
- ✓ Early learning resources

TIER 3. COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES (families most at risk)

All Tier 1 & 2 services plus...

 Ongoing, preventive team-based wellchild visits (WCV)

KEY OUTPUTS

- Number of screenings for child/family concerns
- Number of support line inquiries
- Number of developmental & behavioral consults
- Number of preventive teambased WCV
- Number of referrals to needed services
- Number of families receiving positive parenting guidance & early learning resources



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HealthySteps positively affects both children and their families. Many of the outcomes listed below were demonstrated in a large national evaluation, whereas others were indicated in local evaluations or other published research. The National Office continues to assess and refine our understanding of the model's outcomes today. To learn more, visit HealthySteps.org.

KEY OUTCOMES

(for families receiving Tier 2 & Tier 3 services)

Short-Term (<1 year)

CHILD HEALTH

- Greater adherence to well-child visits
- Increased vaccination rates
- Earlier identification & treatment of child concerns
- Increased breastfeeding & age-appropriate nutrition
- Earlier adoption of preventive dental hygiene

PARENTING KNOWLEDGE & PRACTICES

- Increased understanding of child development & behavior
- Increased use of positive parenting approaches
- Increased child safety practices
- Decreased use of harsh & severe discipline
- Increased behaviors/activities that enhance child development
 & early learning

FAMILY HEALTH & WELL-BEING

- Increased use of available services to address family needs
- Greater maternal adherence to postpartum check-up
- Reduction in unmet caregiver healthcare needs
- Increased parental satisfaction with care

Intermediate (1-3 years)

CHILD & FAMILY WELL-BEING

- Increased continuity of child preventive care
- Improved child health & social-emotional development
- Stronger, more secure parent-child relationships
- Fewer child behavior problems
- Enhanced child early learning
- Improved maternal health
- Increased parental selfefficacy & competency
- Increased family security

Long-term (3+ years)

HEALTHIER, HAPPIER CHILDREN WHO THRIVE IN SCHOOL & LIFE

- ✓ Improved perceptual, motor & physical development
- Enhanced socialemotional wellbeing
- ✓ Improved cognitive skills
- ✓ Enhanced language & communication skills
- ✓ Improved approaches to learning