

## NIPN Testimonials

“Many people talk about the quality of child health care, but few do anything about it. Improvement Partnerships are the exception. They are designed to fill the need for leadership and action. Where IPs exist, state policy makers, public health agencies, health care leaders, and payers have somewhere to turn to make high quality health care for children a reality.

The Vermont Child Health Improvement Partnership (VCHIP), the prototype IP, has assumed the responsibility for building a nationwide network of quality improvement organizations for child health care. Through this Guide, VCHIP staff and their colleagues across the country share what they have learned in order to help others build better systems of care for children and youth. It is an important contribution and a valuable resource.”

Ed Schor, MD  
Former Vice President, The Commonwealth Fund

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“DC PICHQ has benefited greatly from the experience of other NIPN states. We didn’t feel like we were starting from ground zero; rather, we were building on the success of others.”

Mark Weissman, MD  
Children’s National Medical Center

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“NIPN has allowed us to see what works and doesn't work in other states before we began organizing invested partners. It allowed us to speak with authority on many IP issues because of NIPN's excellent leadership and experience. We have saved a lot of time and money by not repeating mistakes and not having to reinvent great programs.”

Allen Coffman, MD, FAAP  
Medical Director, Pediatric Healthcare Improvement Initiative for TN

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“The Improvement Partnership leaders have provided us with invaluable guidance as we have worked towards forming a state-wide quality initiative in the State of Tennessee. The presentations delivered during their site visit provided a needed mechanism for key stakeholders (including potential funders) to better understand the overall concept and activities of a quality improvement partnerships. Having access to information about quality initiatives in other states has positioned us to "borrow" from other successful programs and avoid "reinventing the wheel". As we move forward, their expertise and resources will be critical to our success.”

Ruth E. Allen  
TNAAP Executive Director

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“When VCHIP was just an idea, the faculty from the university approached me and asked what I thought. As a public health leader I’m always looking for opportunities to connect with the providers. Because of this partnership, I now have a group to go to for help with public health issues pertaining to children. They provide me with solutions, the latest guidance and ways to measure the child health initiatives in the state. I am able to support them with small grant funding and also with larger funds through the Medicaid match on the work they are doing to support the Medicaid population.”

Vermont Public Health Director  
Physician

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“As an active member of NIPN, our state has benefitted from the quality improvement (QI) expertise, exchange of ideas, and training that NIPN offers. NIPN’s members are partnerships that engage public health, including Title V, physician organizations, Medicaid, and academic health centers, and other public and private partners in improving the delivery of care to children and adolescents. These “improvement partnerships” in turn engage clinicians and their practice teams throughout their states to learn and implement measurement-based, systems-oriented improvement processes through projects that are typically focused on specific clinical topics, such as developmental screening, medical home implementation, identification and management of autism spectrum disorders, and many others. The aim is to “teach practices to fish” so that they can apply the same principles and strategies to any area in which they seek improvement.”

Chuck Norlin, MD  
Director, Utah Pediatric Partnership to Improve Healthcare Quality

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## Where NIPN was highlighted in 2013-2014

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### **Academic Pediatric Association Newsletter (February 2014)**

Region 1. Academic Pediatric Association, 51(1), (2014).

<http://www.academicpeds.org/publications/newsletters/2014/newsFeb2014.pdf>

### **AAP QI Supplement (November 2013)**

Shaw, J. S., Norlin, C., Gillespie, R., Weissman, M, McGrath, J. "The National Improvement Partnership network: State-Based Partnerships That Improve Primary Care Quality." American Pediatrics,13, (2013): S84-S94. [http://www.academicpedsjnl.net/article/S1876-2859\(13\)00071-5/abstract](http://www.academicpedsjnl.net/article/S1876-2859(13)00071-5/abstract)

### **AHRQ Health Care Innovations Exchange Highlight (June 2013)**

"State Partnership Supports Quality Improvement in Pediatric Practices, Leading to More Evidence-Based Care, Better Care Coordination, and High Satisfaction in Participating Practices." AHRQ Health Care Innovations Exchange, (2013)

<https://innovations.ahrq.gov/profiles/state-partnership-supports-quality-improvement-pediatric-practices-leading-more-evidence>

**Full list of publications,** <http://www.nipn.org/?Page=publications.html>