Pediatric Provider Outreach

Much of our outreach efforts this year were focused on pediatric providers. Our goal was to educate the providers about the importance of discussing transition early with patients, and providing resources to help with the process.

A one-page flyer was developed and sent out to the majority of the pediatric practices in the county, including local members of Hillsborough County Pediatric Society; Health Point Medical Group; Pediatric Health Care Alliance; National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners; and Graduate Schools of Nursing at the University of South Florida, South University and the University of Tampa. The flyer can be downloaded here.

Updated Health Services Directory for Young Adults

A searchable database of health care programs and providers that serve young adults, including those with disabilities or chronic health conditions

This year, the Health Services Directory has been updated to include:

- An expanded “services description” section
- Additional data:
  - Age range of population accepted;
  - Special populations served (e.g., DD);
  - What languages services are provided in;
  - Whether the practice accepts Medicaid.

In addition to updating the fields, all listed programs were contacted to ensure program information is accurate and current.

Of the 280 practices reached, 90 had updates and 19 were deleted for various reasons, such as the provider was deceased or retired and the practice closed.

An additional 66 practices were added: 10 Tampa General Hospital Family Care Centers and 56 from the USF Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) database.

Please help us keep the Directory up to date by letting us know about resources you think should be included!

Instructions on how to add a service, update an existing entry, or recommend programs are listed on the Directory Submission page on our website, www.floridahats.org.
Redesigned Health Care Transition Training for Health Care Professionals

Up to 4 FREE CME/CE for Physicians, Nurses and Allied Professionals

A new release of Health Care Transition Training for Health Care Professionals aims to provide Florida practitioners and support staff with an in-depth understanding of the importance of health care transition, along with steps to facilitate a systematic, smooth process. The course was updated in 2014 to include new evidence-based materials, including the ‘Six Core Elements of Health Care Transition 2.0’ from Got Transition/Center for Health Care Transition Improvement.

Participants will learn about developmental, legal, financial and social considerations in planning for transition, using interactive tools and a Florida-specific planning algorithm with links to local services and resources.

The modules can be accessed at www.FloridaHATS.org (available to all) or www.aheceducation.com (CME/CE for Florida practitioners).

Community Events and Educational Opportunities

Please include HATS materials along with your agency materials at the next event you attend!

HillsboroughHATS members have presented and/or distributed materials to these groups in 2014: Tampa Family Health Center Community Festivals; Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources; Hillsborough County School District Nurses and Transition Fairs; Hillsborough County Community Alliance Committee; USF CARD Health & Wellness Symposium; USF medical, public health, and behavioral health students/faculty; Special Olympics; YES F.A.I.R. and Community Resource Day; Youth Resource Exchange and the Hillsborough County Pediatric Society.

We encourage all HillsboroughHATS partners to help spread the word about HATS and the many health care transition resources that are available. You can do that by making HATS materials available to your clients, bringing materials with you to community events, and linking to the FloridaHATS web site.

To make it easier to represent HillsboroughHATS in the community, we have a Presenter Tip Sheet posted on the Coalition web page, which includes the basic information to relay to your audience such as background on FloridaHATS, available resources, and a list of materials to bring to the event.

Please contact Marybeth Dunn (727-272-5251, Marybeth@psrflorida.org) and let her know your materials needs (see next page for a description of available materials). Also let her know about upcoming Transition or Youth Resource Fairs, or any other event you feel would be appropriate for HillsboroughHATS to attend. We’ll add it to our Events Calendar. By working together, we can help families and youth become better prepared for adulthood!
Materials to Help your Patients and Clients with Transition

A 2-sided postcard that prompts teens and their families to ask their pediatricians 3 important questions (borrowed from the national Ask Me 3 campaign!)

The tri-fold FloridaHATS Brochure provides background information and goals of the organization. It highlights a wealth of resources available to both consumers and providers.

These are just a sampling of the many resources available for providers and families. Please take some time to review the FloridaHATS website. You’ll be glad you did!

SAVE THE DATE!

The Coalition will meet on Tuesday, November 18, 8:30 AM, St. Joseph’s Hospital, Command Center. Meeting agenda and parking instructions will be emailed prior to the 18th.