

Background Information

The START program is offered by the Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (TNAAP) and was adapted from the Illinois Chapter of AAP STEPPS program and the AAP Medical Home Initiative.

The program is a collaboration with Tennessee's Early Intervention System (TEIS) funded by the Tennessee Department of Education via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

TNAAP Programs & Services

TNAAP offers a variety of other training programs and services, including information about EPSDT and coding.

To find out more about TNAAP's services, including the START program, or to view coding training modules and other EPSDT and coding resources visit our website at www.tnaap.org or contact us at:

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For primary care providers caring for children in Tennessee.



Michelle Fiscus, MD presents a START program training session at Meharry Medical College.

Find out how early developmental/behavioral screening and referral can help your patients AND your practice.

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Who should attend?

The START program is targeted toward primary care providers and their staff. This includes physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, office managers and office staff. You will learn how standardized screening tools and referral procedures can easily be incorporated into your practice routine. **For maximum benefit and efficiency, physicians, key nurses and a practice administrator are encouraged to attend as a team.**

This training is also appropriate for residents and students in the medical field who plan to become primary care providers.

It's valuable training, but available FREE to primary care providers.

The START program is delivered by Tennessee pediatricians and family physicians. It is offered through regional events statewide (**advance registration required**) or may also be held at individual practices upon request.



Quentin Humberd, MD facilitates a START program training session in Jackson, Tennessee.

The START program is designed to help practices:

- Increase early identification of children with developmental delays or behavioral problems using standardized screening tools without adding significantly more time to the office visit.
- Better understand how to refer children for services to your community.
- Learn how to code for payment for these services.

The START program teaches standardized tools that screen for:

- Developmental Delays
- Behavioral Issues
- Autism
- Substance Abuse
- Post-Partum Depression
- ADHD



Attendees practice scoring a screening tool during a START program training session.



Pam Bouchard from the Tennessee Early Intervention System (TEIS) explains how to refer children for services.

After completing the START program, you will be able to:

- Recognize the value of both clinical surveillance and screening using standardized developmental and behavioral tools.
- See how using standardized screening tools benefit the child, family, and physician.
- Understand the importance of early intervention and how it improves outcomes of children with developmental delays or behavioral problems.
- Select, administer and score appropriate screening tools best suited for your practice.
- Implement efficient office procedures for screening and referrals.

Go online and register today!

To register or find a regional event near you, visit www.tnaap.org and select "START Training Schedule and Registration" (under the Shortcuts menu), or to schedule a training session at your practice, contact:

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