Our mission is to support pediatric primary care providers in the identification and provision of comprehensive care for children and youth with special health care needs within the medical home model in Prince George’s County, Maryland.
Who We Are
Prince George’s County Special Needs Identification Physician Support Program (PGCSNIPS) is a collaborative program between Prince George’s County Infants and Toddlers Program (PGCITP), the early childhood intervention program of Prince George’s County, and the One World Center for Autism, Inc. (OWCA), a non-profit organization based in Prince George’s County, Maryland, whose mission is to link children and adolescents with autism to their world through family support, community outreach, and therapeutic services.

Program Benefits
County-based Benefits
- Seamless county-based referrals to early intervention, early educational, and autism diagnostic evaluations
- Feedback reports with recommendations for health care providers for the above referrals
- Physician resources for building medical homes
- Provision and maintenance of informational kiosk for parents/caregivers of children and youth with special health care needs
- Remuneration-free continuing medical education (CME) at our “Small Steps, Big Differences” Community Conference

Benefits—Offered in Conjunction with State Partners
- Automatic enrollment in Maryland Behavioral Health Integration in Pediatric Primary Care (MD B-HIPP), including free peer consults with mental health professionals and developmental pediatrics
- Office-based educational opportunities with CME for enrolled providers
- Technical assistance with implementation of developmental screening
- Assistance with resources and referral linkages for mental health and developmental delays or disabilities
- Links to online CME modules on a variety of topics
- Access to other county and state physician support initiatives

Current Program Initiatives
- Provide screening and appropriate referrals for children with special health care needs (CSHCN)
- Increase the administration of general developmental screening
- Increase the administration of autism screening
- Introduce and increase the use of social/emotional screening
- Provide mental health consultations
- Build medical homes and increase partnerships and collaboration between health care providers, early interventionists, childcare professionals, educators, and parents/caregivers
- Improve the identification and support of children and youth with special health care needs

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