



## **AHRQ Academy Releases Topic Brief on Behavioral-Developmental Screening for Children Ages 0-5 in Pediatric Primary Care**

The AHRQ Academy has released a new topic brief on behavioral-developmental health screening and response for children ages 0-5 in pediatric primary care. The brief outlines the common components of behavioral-developmental health screening and response and provides models and guidance for implementing this approach in pediatric and family medicine practices.

[Access the Brief](#)

# What's New in Integration?



On September 11, 2024, the AHRQ Academy hosted a panel discussion, *Integrated Behavioral Health: The Journey to Becoming the Standard of Care*, featuring members from the National Integration Academy Council (NIAC). The panel reviewed the current state of behavioral health integration in primary care, provided an overview of its history, and discussed the future of integration. [Watch the recording >>](#)



On June 27, 2024, AHRQ hosted a webinar highlighting national evaluation results and grantee findings from the AHRQ EvidenceNOW: Managing Unhealthy Alcohol Use (UAI) Initiative. This initiative funds grantee projects that disseminate effective strategies to increase the screening, management, and treatment of UAI in primary care. [Watch the recording >>](#)



The Biden-Harris Administration announces \$240 million in awards to launch and expand mental health and substance use disorder services in more than 400 community health centers across the country. [Learn more >>](#)



The CalHIVE BHI Improvement Collaborative has launched a three-part webinar series for health care organizations planning and implementing behavioral health integration. [Learn more >>](#)

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## Other AHRQ and HHS Highlights

### [AHRQ Releases NOFO for State-Based Healthcare Extension Cooperatives](#)

AHRQ announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to accelerate the implementation and dissemination of patient-centered outcomes research into health care delivery through improvements in health care policy, payment, and practice. Applications are due by December 12, 2024.

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### [CDC Data Shows a Significant Drop in U.S. Overdose Deaths](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Provisional Drug Overdose Death Counts show a 10.6% drop in overdose deaths from April 2023 (112,470 deaths) to April 2024 (101,168 deaths) in the United States. It is the first time that overdose deaths have declined since they started rapidly accelerating in 2020.

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### [SAMHSA Publishes Resources for National Recovery Month](#)

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has published a Recovery Month Toolkit with social media posts, virtual backgrounds, hashtag guidance, and more to raise community awareness and support those in recovery.

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### [SAMHSA, NIH, and NAMI Post Resources for Suicide Prevention Month](#)

SAMHSA, the National Institute of Mental Health (NIH), and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), have posted resources to support Suicide Prevention Month efforts.

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## Upcoming Events



### [MHA: Fee For Service Collaborative Care Model \(CoCM\) Training Session](#)

- **Date:** Thu, Oct 3, 2024
- **Time:** 12-1pm EDT
- **Host:** Mental Health America (MHA) of Greater Houston



### [CBT for Anxiety in Pediatric Primary Care](#)

- **Date:** Fri, Oct 18, 2024
- **Time:** All day
- **Host:** REACH Institute

[Access the Full Calendar](#)

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## About the AHRQ Academy

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) created the Academy to respond to the recognized need for a national resource and coordinating center for those interested in behavioral health and primary care integration. Guided by the National Integration Academy Council, the Academy organizes the knowledge base, research, and expert insight on why and how to integrate behavioral health in primary care effectively on a meaningful scale. The Academy Community is an online community of individuals and practices interested in and committed to integrating behavioral health in primary care.

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