

The Academy Web Portal Transcript

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The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, also known as AHRQ, created the Academy for Integrating Primary Care and Behavioral Health. The Academy serves as a coordinating center and national resource for people committed to delivering comprehensive, integrated care. The Academy is guided by the National Integration Academy Council, or NIAC, which is made up of experts from different areas within the field of integration.

The Academy Web portal is a hub you can use to access products and resources to advance the integration of behavioral health and primary care.

One of the key resources is our literature collection, which has scientific journal articles and grey literature materials that support the growing body of evidence for integrating health care. In our literature collection, you can browse for resources by title, author, publication type, year, and topic area, or you can search by keyword.

The Academy's collection of products includes the Lexicon for Behavioral Health and Primary Care Integration. The Lexicon is a set of concepts and definitions developed by expert consensus to describe integration in actual practice settings. The Lexicon allows stakeholders to communicate effectively and collaborate to achieve widespread implementation.

From the Lexicon, the Academy created the Atlas of Integrated Behavioral Health Care Quality Measures. The Atlas provides a framework for understanding the measurement of integrated care. It also lists existing measures relevant to integrated behavioral health care. You can find measures by core measure set, or functional domain, or you can use our "Guide me to a measure" tool to help you select measures that are useful to you.

The Academy team also developed the Guidebook of Professional Practices for Behavioral Health and Primary Care Integration. The Guidebook describes professional practices that are prominent among integrated primary care organizations to help sites integrate care more effectively.

The Academy Web portal has many interactive features. These include a map of where integration is happening across the United States. The integration map shows more than 300 practices sites that have implemented integration to varying degrees. If you want to see more information about a practice site, select a location icon. You can also scroll through the table below the map. For each site, the table lists Organization/Practice, Page Description, Type of Organization/Practice, and State.

You can also participate in the Academy Community. This is an online forum of individuals and practices that are interested and committed to delivering comprehensive, integrated health care. In the Community, you can join discussion groups and have an opportunity for peer-to-peer networking and sharing.

Another feature of the Web Portal is the Integration Playbook, an interactive guide to integrating behavioral health in primary care and other ambulatory care settings. The Playbook offers tips, resources, and real-world examples of how other practices are integrating behavioral health. And it provides guidance on “what not to do” while integrating behavioral health. Watch our Integration Playbook video for more information on how to use the Playbook.

To visit the Academy and explore all the resources available to you, go to: integrationacademy.ahrq.gov.