

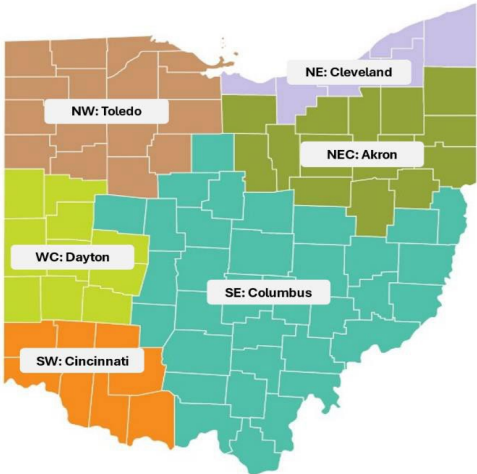
Outcomes Acceleration for Kids (OAK)

The Outcomes Acceleration for Kids (OAK) Learning Network is a first-of-its-kind collaboration launched in 2024 to achieve accelerated improvements in the health and wellbeing of Ohio’s youth. OAK aims to deliver the highest quality care by connecting regional partners to identify opportunities to close health equity gaps for Ohio’s pediatric population, achieve superior outcomes by transforming care delivery to meet patient’s needs and ensure whole child health. The collaboration is a partnership between families, Ohio’s Children’s Hospitals, Ohio’s Medicaid Managed Care Entities (Managed Care Organizations, OhioRISE, and Ohio’s Single Pharmacy Benefit Manager), and the Ohio Department of Medicaid.

Children’s Hospitals		Managed Care Entities	
Accountable Care Organizations			
Akron Children’s Hospital <i>Akron Children’s Health Collaborative</i>	Nationwide Children’s Hospital <i>Partners for Kids</i>	Aetna OhioRISE	CareSource
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital <i>HealthVine</i>	ProMedica Russle J. Embeid Children’s Hospital	Anthem	Gainwell
		AmeriHealth	Humana
		Buckeye	Molina
		United Healthcare	
Dayton Children’s Hospital <i>Partners for Kids</i>	University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital	 Department of Medicaid	

OAK consists of strategically located Children’s Hospitals representing six (6) regions of Ohio, along with the Managed Care Entities that pay for care and provide care management to all of Ohio’s Medicaid population.

Each region has dedicated teams working together to initially improve outcomes for four (4) areas of care: asthma (improving controller medication use), mental health (improving follow-up after emergency department visits for mental health and substance use), sickle cell disease-SCD (improving transcranial ultrasound, a routine screening for SCD), and well-child (increasing well-child visits and preventive care). OAK is a brand-new approach that will consider family’s needs when redesigning care delivery across Ohio’s practices and healthcare organizations to improve outcomes and child health in a targeted fashion.



Dr. Mary Applegate

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“Years ago, during a well child visit, I asked a five-year-old what she wanted to be when she grew up. She offered the most enthusiastic, concise response I had ever heard: “**BIG!!!**” I have carried this sense of wonder and promise for the future with me throughout the years, prompting the instigation of the OAK effort. We, too, can be and do something “**BIG!!!**” I am thrilled to see the clinicians, payers, and quality improvement teams working together in new ways to make such a difference for Ohio’s youth.”– **Dr. Mary**