BUILDING PROVIDER CAPACITY TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS

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ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

The TeleOutreach Center at the Masonic Institute for the Developing Brain brings together researchers, clinical pediatric providers, and developmental specialists to use technology to understand and address barriers to assessment and intervention for children, youth, and adults with developmental and mental health needs, and their families.
https://teleoutreach.umn.edu/

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT – What & Why

Our team at the UMN TeleOutreach Center + MIDB Service hub use a variety of telehealth modalities to develop and test innovative ways to improve access to developmental and behavioral health care for children in rural, highly mobile, and/or military-connected families .

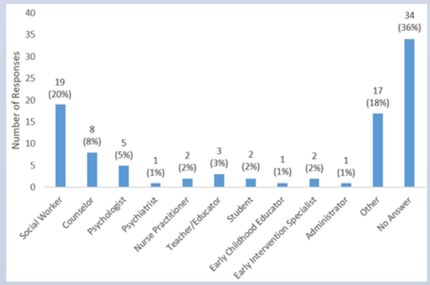
Our Project ECHO™ telehealth series aims to extend best practice developmental and behavioral healthcare for children and adolescents to rural regions of Minnesota and the Upper Midwest.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The TeleOutreach Center is currently running the 5th iteration of our Project ECHO™ telehealth series,"Telehealth to Support Families of Children with Behavioral Health and Mental Health Needs." Participants join to listen to didactic presentations from University of Minnesota team members and bring their own real world case for case based learning. We have reached Northeastern, Southern, Western, and Central Minnesota, with plans to expand to North and South Dakota in the coming year.

Participant Quotes:

- *"I will be back…I am continually learning and always appreciate hearing something for a second or third time"*
- *"It has greatly impacted my professional practice, confidence, and growth."*
- *"It has provided a means for collaborative practices, networking, and learning from other professionals."*



Types of providers participating in our 9-month longitudinal ECHO, April - Dec. 2024



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CONTACT INFORMATION

- Contact tele4families@umn.edu for information on provider training.
- Learn more about the study at z.umn.edu/DoDKids

OTHER TELEHEALTH SERVICES

The TeleOutreach Center is focused on the following objectives:

- Deliver clinical services to more families
- Leverage technology to provide training and education
- Connect quickly with families and providers facing urgent situations
- Conduct innovative research
- Build scalable connections with community



FUTURE PLANS, VISION, INITIATIVES / CLOSING THOUGHTS

We support researchers in the use of telecom technology to increase broad participation in research and clinical research efforts. We also develop and adapt methodology to conduct research and clinical research in naturalistic settings (e.g., homes). Additionally, we support multi-site networks and data collection, and we reach populations with low incidence needs (e.g., rare disease).