



PANDEMIC RECOVERY OFFICE

Pediatric Provider Relief and Recovery Phase II Final Report

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Funding Amount: \$7,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Public Health: Other Public Health Services

Problem Statement: Healthy child development and infant/child mental health are essential to positive academic and health outcomes. Throughout the public health emergency, many children and their families with behavioral health conditions and related developmental delays were unable to access services and family supports. Early data demonstrated the significant negative impacts on child development and early childhood mental health.

According to a *Journal of the American Medical Association* article, “The COVID-19 pandemic may worsen existing mental health problems and lead to more cases among children and adolescents because of the unique combination of the public health crisis, social isolation, and economic recession.”¹ Furthermore, COVID-19 threatened the healthcare system’s ability to effectively screen for and identify behavioral health needs that cause and/or co-occur with developmental delays to initiate referrals for critical services, such as Early Intervention (EI), Family Home Visiting, and Early Childhood Special Education.

Children in Rhode Island experienced delayed healthcare and developmental supports due to the public health emergency, which could have a devastating, long-term impact on development. Addressing delayed access to supports and services helps ensure children enter the education system ready to learn.

Project Overview: The project built upon *Pediatric Provider Relief and Recovery* to incentivize pediatric primary care providers to improve access to care, immunizations, and screenings, and invest in the staffing and infrastructure necessary to rebound from pandemic-related delays in care. The Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) made six payments to participating practices:

- The first payment was based on practices submitting a program application, including an improvement plan and a commitment to participate in the technical assistance program.
- Four quarterly payments were contingent on practices’ performance on several vaccine and screening measures.
- One payment was based on participation in at least four sessions of a six-session Behavioral Health Learning Initiative that took place from January 2023 through June 2023.

Funds also supported a technical assistance contractor tasked with training and workflow redesign, data collection and reporting, and best practice sharing to aid providers in improving performance and evaluating practice performance. The contractor provided the quality

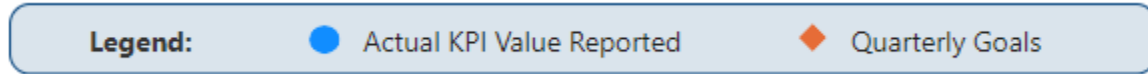
¹ [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) and Mental Health for Children and Adolescents](#)

improvement practice facilitation and implementation of the Behavioral Health Learning Initiative. Practices accessed a customized behavioral health practice facilitator as an optional service to assist with the development of responses to behavioral health needs.

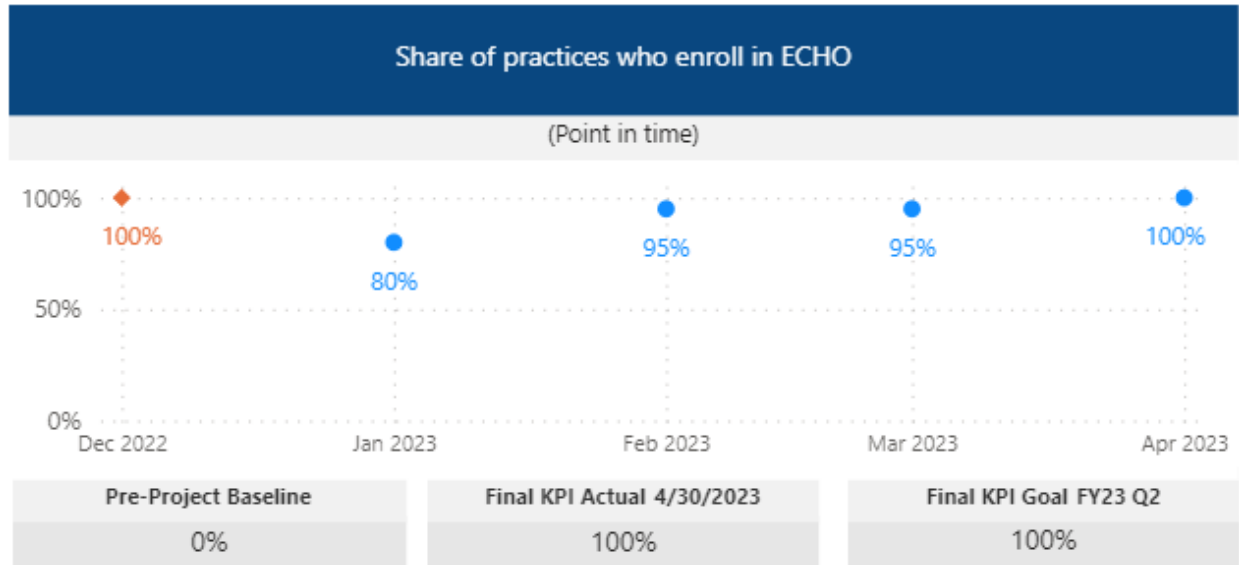
Financial Overview: All program payments can be found on the [Pandemic Recovery Office's website](#) by filtering the "Project" box for "Pediatric Provider Relief and Recovery Phase II." The table below shows planned expenditures by fiscal quarter and actual expenditures by fiscal quarter:

Fiscal Year Quarter	Planned Expenditures	Actual Expenditures
FY 2023 Q2	\$1,287,584	\$1,199,640
FY 2023 Q3	\$1,287,584	\$1,312,423
FY 2023 Q4	\$1,287,584	\$1,289,927
FY 2024 Q1	\$2,437,179	\$2,349,831
FY 2024 Q2	\$1,200,000	\$1,199,765
FY 2024 Q3	-	\$148,285
Total	\$7,500,000	\$7,499,871*
<p><i>Notes:</i> A single audit fee applies to all State Fiscal Recovery Fund projects and accounts for \$2,250 of the funds shown in the above table. The actual expenditures include transfers from the State of Rhode Island to the State's Medicaid Management Information System, meaning those costs were incurred earlier than the actual payments to pediatric providers shown on the Pandemic Recovery Office's website.</p> <p>*The \$129 in project underspend is available for other eligible uses.</p>		

Key Performance Indicators: The following are the key performance indicators based on quarterly goals and monthly data collections.

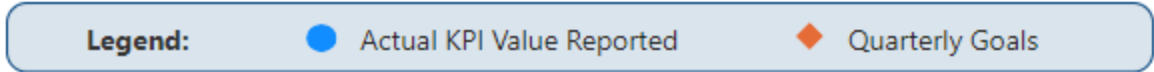


1. Share of practices who enroll in Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO)

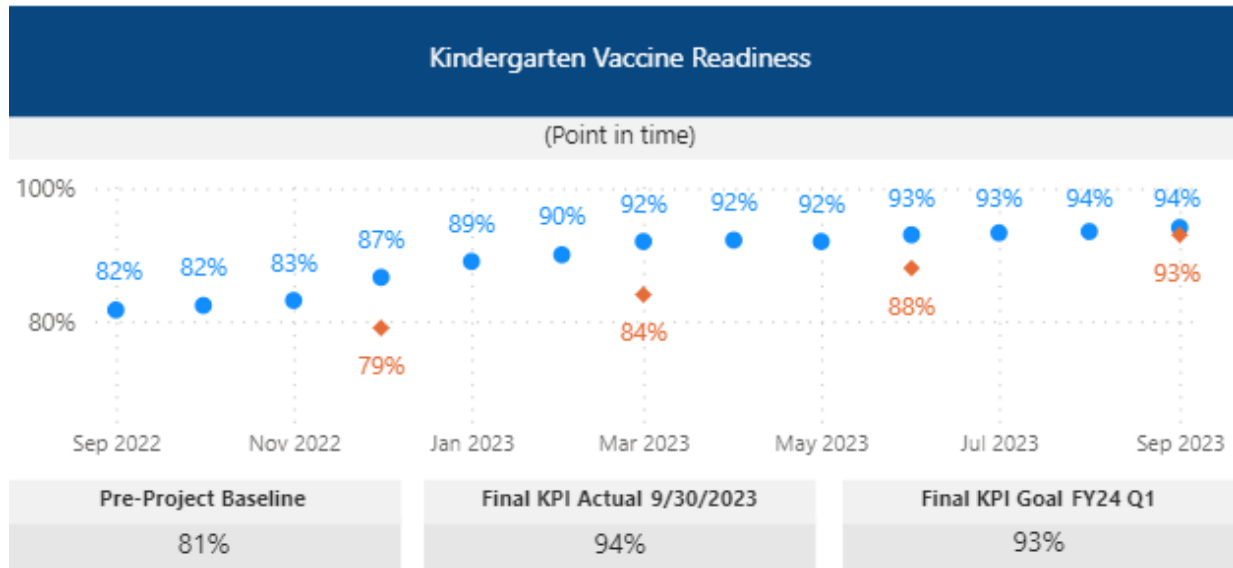


2. Share of practices who participate in at least four of six ECHO sessions

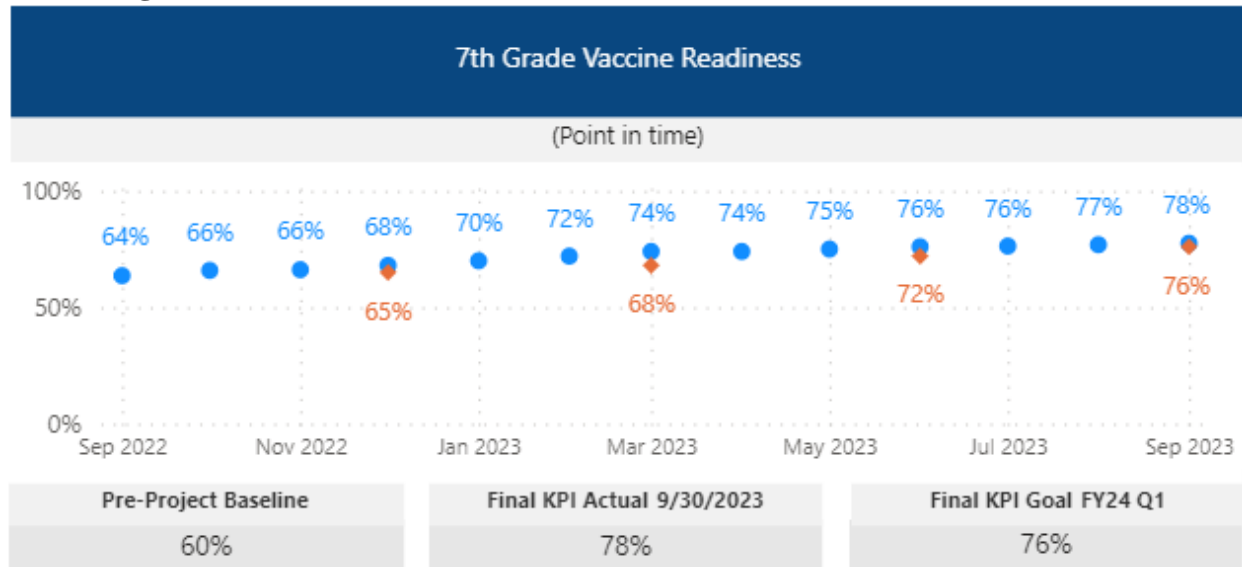




3. Kindergarten vaccine readiness



4. 7th grade vaccine readiness

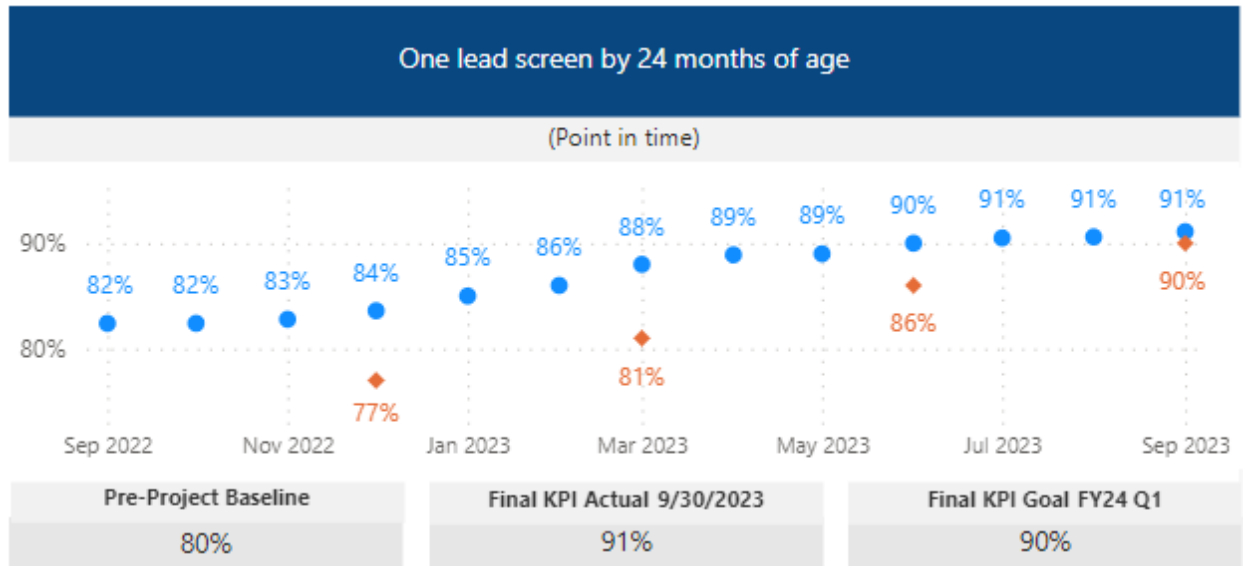


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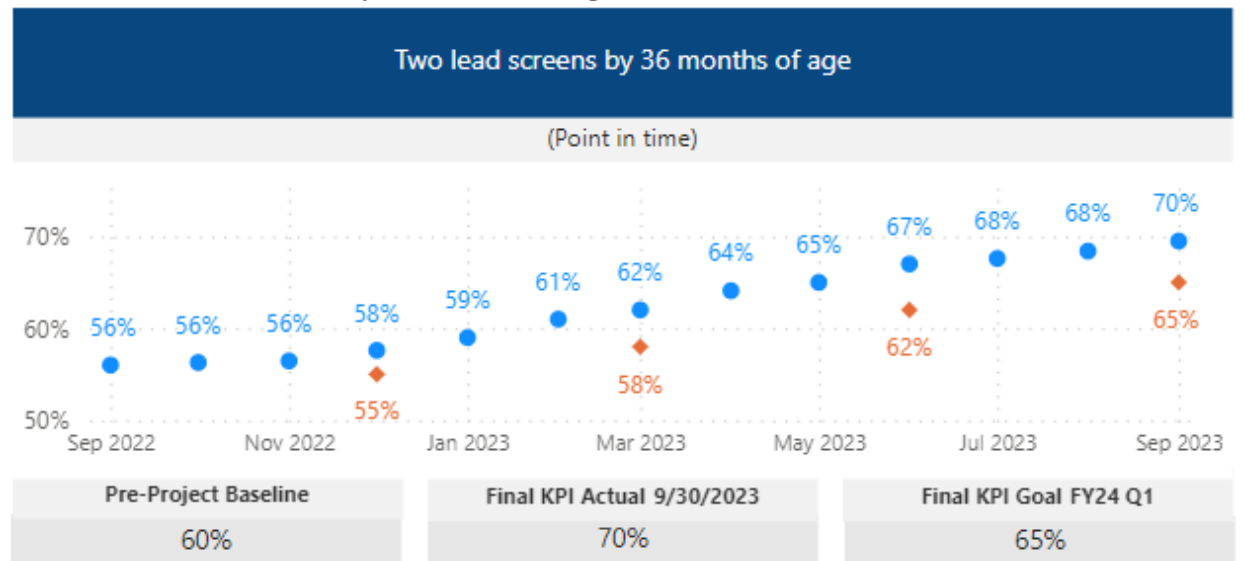
● Actual KPI Value Reported

◆ Quarterly Goals

5. One lead screen by 24 months of age



6. Two lead screens by 36 months of age



Demographics: The table below shows the distribution of Medicaid-enrolled patients across the practices, the municipality where the practice is based, and the total grant amount provided to each practice. Of the 40 providers, 17 are located within a 1-mile radius of a qualified census tract (QCT). QCTs, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), must have 50% of households with incomes below 60% of the area median gross income or have a poverty rate of 25% or more.

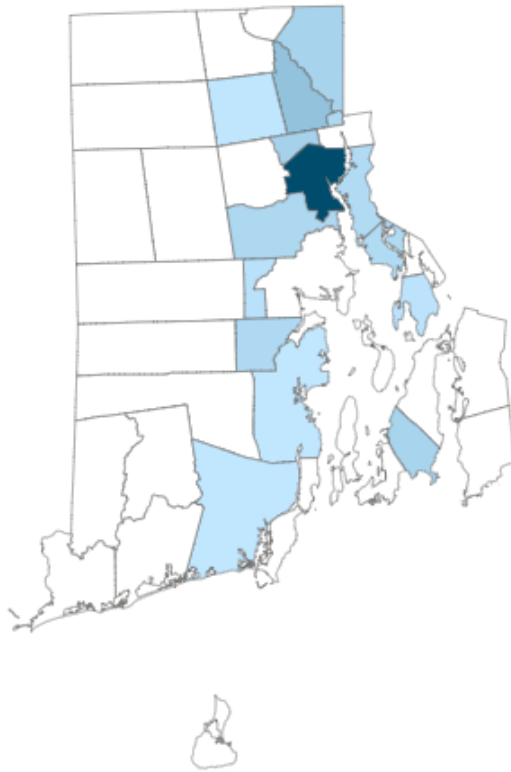
Provider Name	Distribution of Medicaid Enrollees under 18 across Participating Providers*	Location	Total Grant Amount Received
Affinity Physicians LLC	3.8%	Providence	\$141,196
Anchor Medical Associates	6.1%	Lincoln	\$476,990
Aquidneck Pediatrics LLC	5.4%	Middletown	\$419,859
Barrington Pediatric Associates Inc.	2.6%	Barrington	\$199,031
Blackstone Valley Pediatrics PC	2.2%	Cumberland	\$171,534
Carine Leconte MD Inc.	0.8%	Cranston	\$41,784
Chad P. Nevola MD Inc.	0.5%	Providence	\$37,897
Cheryl Flynn MD	1.1%	Lincoln	\$25,771
Children First Pediatrics Inc.	2.6%	Lincoln	\$198,888
Children's Choice Pediatrics LLC	1.9%	West Warwick	\$150,591
Children's Healthcare Inc.	1.1%	Providence	\$57,356
Coastal Medical Physicians Inc.	10.8%	Providence	\$842,141
Doreen M. Ciancaglini	0.5%	North Providence	\$36,045
Drs. Concannon and Vitale LLC	0.9%	Cranston	\$71,093
East Bay Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine	1.2%	Barrington	\$91,893
East Side Pediatrics PC	4.0%	Providence	\$313,007
EGP Inc.	2.0%	East Greenwich	\$156,432
Family Health and Sports Medicine LLC	0.1%	Cranston	\$2,964
Gerardo Concilio	0.8%	Lincoln	\$64,824
James R. Bonner MD Inc.	0.8%	Cranston	\$39,463
Jenks Park Pediatrics Inc.	1.7%	Central Falls	\$128,650
John McGonigle MD LLC	1.0%	East Providence	\$24,225

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Provider Name	Distribution of Medicaid Enrollees under 18 across Participating Providers*	Location	Total Grant Amount Received
Kingstown Pediatrics	1.0%	North Kingstown	\$35,769
Lauren Noel MD	1.6%	South Kingstown	\$38,270
Medical Associates of Rhode Island Inc.	1.4%	Bristol	\$112,266
NRI Pediatrics PC	1.5%	Cumberland	\$115,543
Ocean State Pediatrics	1.9%	East Greenwich	\$148,169
PRIMA Inc.	2.3%	Cumberland	\$149,251
Park Pediatrics LLC	2.3%	Cranston	\$144,913
Partners in Pediatrics	1.1%	Providence	\$87,334
Pediatric Associates Inc.	3.4%	East Providence	\$262,145
Rhode Island Hospital/ Hasbro Primary Care	15.1%	Providence	\$1,175,806
Richard Ohnmacht MD Ltd	0.5%	Cranston	\$36,045
Robert Eden	2.3%	Providence	\$82,955
Santiago Medical Group Inc.	5.5%	North Providence	\$428,977
Smithfield Pediatrics Inc.	0.6%	Smithfield	\$49,010
Snow Family Medicine LLC	0.2%	Cranston	\$8,087
Sunshine Pediatrics LLC	4.7%	Providence	\$369,567
University Family Medicine Inc.	0.1%	East Greenwich	\$9,830
Yen Longobardi MD	2.6%	Central Falls	\$201,880
Total			\$7,147,451

** The percentages account for the distribution of Medicaid-enrolled children across all participating practices. Not all practices serving Medicaid-enrolled children applied to participate.*

Distribution of Pediatric Grant Amounts by Municipality



Municipality	Sum of Grants
BARRINGTON	\$290,924
BRISTOL	\$112,266
CENTRAL FALLS	\$330,531
CRANSTON	\$344,348
CUMBERLAND	\$436,328
EAST GREENWICH	\$314,431
EAST PROVIDENCE	\$286,370
LINCOLN	\$766,473
MIDDLETOWN	\$419,859
NORTH KINGSTOWN	\$35,769
NORTH PROVIDENCE	\$465,022
PROVIDENCE	\$3,107,259
SMITHFIELD	\$49,010
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	\$38,270
WEST WARWICK	\$150,591
Total	\$7,147,451