

## Dear Colleague:

I'm writing to introduce the Pediatric Psychiatry Resource Network (PediPRN), offered by Bradley Hospital under a grant awarded by Rhode Island's Executive Office of Health and Human Services. Bradley Hospital, a Lifespan affiliate, is a recognized leader in the child and adolescent mental health field providing evidence-based psychiatric treatments through several programs to the community.

PediPRN is an innovative model of consultation and collaboration between pediatric primary care and child psychiatry providers. PediPRN will use a telephonic integrated care model to improve access to quality behavioral health expertise. This free service offers all Rhode Island pediatric primary care providers assistance with the mental health care needs of their patients. A psychiatrist, a master of social work clinician and a care coordinator constitute the team that will provide the PediPRN service.

Any Rhode Island pediatric primary care provider may contact PediPRN with a diagnostic or therapeutic question and receive a return call within 30 minutes from the psychiatrist. The PediPRN team will then assist in developing a care plan for children with various psychiatric diagnoses and complex clinical presentations. This plan may include psychopharmacologic recommendations, therapeutic treatment, and/or supportive services in the community. To ensure safe, appropriate care management, the psychiatrist may recommend protocols regarding the frequency of face-to-face contact with patients who have been prescribed psychiatric medications.

In addition to consultations by telephone, PediPRN will sponsor educational opportunities via e-blasts and CME programs about pediatric psychiatry topics that are relevant for the pediatric primary care community.

In order to make this service more effective, our team will seek your feedback on an ongoing basis. Working together, we will provide the best care for children in need of psychiatric treatment.

For additional information or to register your practice, please email PediPRN@Lifespan.org. Our phone number is 401-432-1KID (1543) and will be active on December 15, 2016.

Sincerely,

PediPRN Pediatric Psychiatry Resource Network

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