

A photograph of two children, a white boy on the left and a Black girl on the right, laughing joyfully outdoors. They are wearing light-colored zip-up jackets. The background is a bright, slightly blurred outdoor setting with trees and a clear sky. Large, colorful numbers '2024' are overlaid on the top half of the image. The '2' is dark blue, the '0' is pink, the first '2' is yellow, and the '4' is blue.

2024

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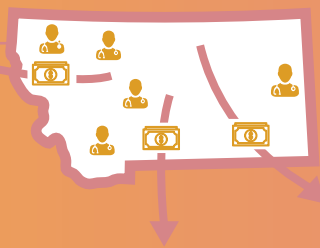
on a mission to increase access to health care
and health equity for all of montana's children

by montana, for montana

The modern healthcare landscape is challenging. Fewer providers are choosing to practice in rural communities. An increasingly fragmented care landscape is often low-quality, inequitable, and competitive with local healthcare. We are rethinking the delivery of pediatric care in Montana in ways that improve the lives of Montana's children, decrease the cost of medical care for families, and support our state's own primary care providers.

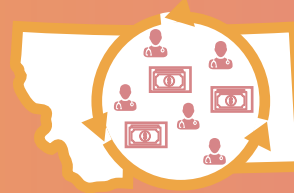
traditional telemedicine

- low-cost, low-quality solution
- pulls resources out of state
- local providers continue working in isolation
- episodic care with no continuity
- no coordination with primary care



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- low-cost, high-quality solution
- enhances our state's healthcare economy
- leverages local provider knowledge and capacity
- complements every patient's medical home



priorities and impacts



access & equity: provide access to high-quality, low-cost pediatric-specific care for all children in Montana regardless of their geographic location or family's ability to pay.



a connected infrastructure: grow and maintain a collaborative network of care for every pediatric provider in Montana to feel supported by their peers, and a technological backbone that enables information and services to flow seamlessly and proactively across traditionally competitive health systems despite inherent barriers caused by increased fragmentation.



sustainability and scalability: uphold the resilience of Montana's healthcare economy with programs that embody our mission, are financially sustainable, and are relevant to diverse communities and provider needs.

\$4.2M

invested into Montana's healthcare economy to improve care for children

1.24M

miles of driving saved for obtaining comparable care

7,880

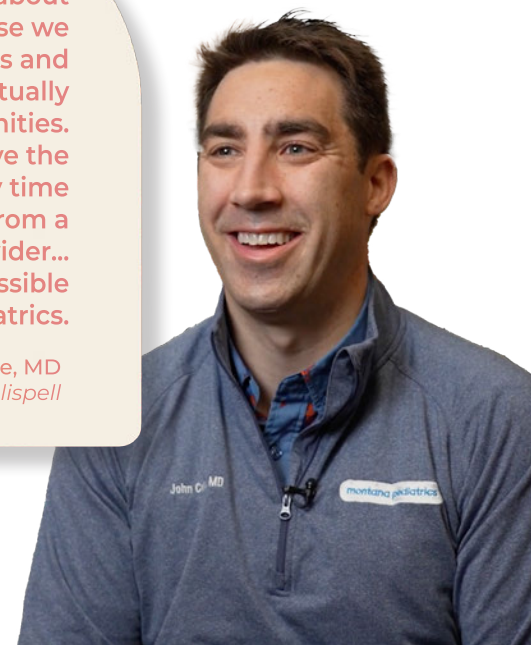
hours of access to pediatric-specific care where none existed before

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unique health systems and practices incorporating Montana Pediatrics into patient care

"The exciting thing about this organization is because we are all local pediatricians and nurse practitioners, we are actually invested in our communities. We want our kids to have the best possible care, at any time of the day or night, from a Montana-based provider... that has really been possible with Montana Pediatrics.

John Cole, MD
Logan Health, Kalispell



programs



after-hours on-demand care

Our collaborative call pool provides access to pediatric care on-demand without compromising convenience or continuity while also improving our providers' work-life balance by reducing the need to be on-call any given night or weekend.

- Established an easy-to-use financial aid fund to ensure every child in Montana can access care regardless of their geographic location or family's ability to pay.
- Received a \$1M grant from the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation in 2023 to expand access to on-demand care.
- **In 2024, will be debuting the Montana Pediatrics At-Home project, supporting Montana's most rural families with diagnostic and care tools to enhance their ability to care for their children without leaving home.**



rural complex care coordination

We are working side-by-side with families, social workers, providers, and researchers to address the greatest challenges for children and youth with special healthcare needs living in a rural state.

- Selected in 2022 by HRSA as one of five demonstration sites nationwide, in partnership with the University of Montana, to develop enhanced systems of care for children with medical complexity.
- **This year, we will work with families to ensure even the most complex children can benefit from virtual-based care, and begin testing a pilot care coordination program for families of children with medical complexity.**



families in crisis & transition

In partnership with organizations that provide social safety net services like housing, relief from domestic violence, and youth mentoring, we support families wherever they are with access to pediatric care unbound by the barriers that transportation, appointment times, and the ability to pay often have against obtaining in-person clinical care.



pediatric mental health

In response to Montana's childhood mental health crisis, we are piloting a new program that offers virtual interventions while prioritizing existing relationships between families and their child's usual place of care.

- Engaged with representatives from 15 agencies and organizations in spring 2023 to understand the pediatric primary care landscape and contribute to the development of a new integrated behavioral health pilot.
- Partnered with rural health clinics on the Hi-Line and tribally-led school based health clinics to begin seeing the first patients of an initial pilot program.
- **In 2024 we will expand our pilot program to include medication management, interprofessional consultations, virtual integrated behavioral health, and single digital interventions.**



type 1 diabetes support and data management

By partnering on data-driven initiatives for advancing care and supporting school health personnel with customized, diabetes-specific education, we are working to positively impact the diagnosis and care experience for Montana's children with Type 1 Diabetes and their families.

- Launched a Diabetes In School Health (DiSH-MT) program that has formulated a network of more than 100 school health personnel, facilitating stronger support between care teams and students with Type 1 Diabetes.
- **In 2024, we will bring cutting-edge technology to support families of children with Type 1 Diabetes and continue working with the State of Montana on solutions that better facilitate quality care between students, families, and their care teams.**



rural & urban indigenous partnerships

We have been invited to work hand in hand with four tribal health programs to provide culturally informed, quality, and accessible care for many of Montana's most vulnerable communities. Our work so far includes general pediatrics as well as neurology, cardiology, psychiatry, counseling, and nutrition.

interested in partnering with us to support any of these programs? we'd love to hear from you!

alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much.

- Helen Keller

donate or partner with us today

If you are interested in learning more about our work or how we can collaborate, please visit montanapediatrics.org.

partnerships for clinical care

Billings Clinic · Billings Urban Indian Health and Wellness Center · Blue Moose Pediatrics · Central Montana Medical Center · Flathead Youth Home · Fort Peck Tribes · Heart & Hands Midwifery and Family Healthcare · Logan Health-Chester · Logan Health-Conrad · Logan Health-Cut Bank · Logan Health Medical Center · Logan Health-Shelby · Missoula YWCA's Meadowlark · Mountain Home Missoula · Mountain Kids Pediatrics · Rocky Boy Health Clinic · The Abbie Shelter · The Birds Nest

partner organizations

Allegiance · Billings Clinic · Logan Health · Missoula Pediatric Associates · Montana DPHHS · Montana Family to Family Health Information Center · Montana Office of Rural Health and AHEC · Montana Youth Diabetes Alliance · Mountain Kids Pediatrics · Native American Development Corporation · Shodair Children's · The Children's Clinic of Billings · The Little Shell Chippewa Tribe · UM Center for Population Health Research

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