



Roundtable on Putting Population Health into Practice: Three Case Studies

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Name of project or collaborative

Nemours Children's Health System

Geography

Delaware (with additional impact in Florida and nationwide)

Brief description

Nemours is an integrated pediatric health system committed to improving the health of children. As a nonprofit children's health organization, we consider the health of every child to be a sacred trust. Through family-centered care in our children's hospitals and clinics in Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Florida, as well as world-changing research, education, population health and advocacy, Nemours fulfills the promise of a healthier tomorrow for all children — even those who may never enter our doors.

Relevance of project to this breakout session

Nemours has the capacity to improve the lives of children regardless of whether they ever step foot into one of our hospitals or practices. Our work to influence policies and practices that will improve children's health, educate youth, teens and parents about a variety of health issues, prevent chronic diseases by implementing evidence-informed practices at the community level, and develop breakthrough treatments and interventions through research is unmatched by any other children's health system.

Established in 2004, Nemours Health & Prevention Services was first created in Delaware to help children grow up healthy by integrating treatment and prevention of illness. We work with community partners (families, policy makers, government officials, community leaders, educators, and businesses) who have the potential to influence the well-being of children to help make Delaware's kids the healthiest in the nation, both physically and emotionally. Few other children's health systems have made the same level of investment in community-based prevention programs, policies, and practices as Nemours.

Nemours National Office of Policy & Prevention seeks to build upon areas of innovation and expertise at Nemours and to spread what works by achieving national policy and practice changes that have the potential to impact millions of children and families in positive ways. Particular areas of emphasis include promoting population health and prevention (including integration with clinical care); supporting healthy development and prevention in early care and education settings; and addressing the unique needs of children in health and quality initiatives.

Results/outcomes

Prevention and population health measures have been part of the Enterprise Balanced Scorecard and Executive Compensation initiatives. The inclusion of these types of measures has ensured executive leadership attention to the integration and success of this work throughout the health system.

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