

Your Child's Medical Home



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growing every child's potential

Children's Healthcare Access Program

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The Great Start Collaborative of Kent County is a major partner of First Steps.

Your Medical Home

Child's Name _____

Doctor's Office _____

Doctor's Name _____

Phone _____

**Remember that you can call
24 hours a day, 7 days a week**



What is a Medical Home?

A medical home is the one place that you take your child for all of their healthcare.

- ✦ Well child checkups
- ✦ Sick visits
- ✦ Accidents
- ✦ Immunizations (shots)

A medical home is a doctor's office or a community clinic.



Every Child Needs a Medical Home

A medical home offers the very best care for your child. The staff knows you, your child, and your child's health history.

Because the staff knows your child, they can:

- ✦ Catch little problems before they become big problems.
- ✦ Give you advice and help in caring for your child
- ✦ Make sure your child gets checkups, screenings, and shots to stay healthy
- ✦ Tell you about helpful community programs



When Your Child is Sick or Hurt, Call Your Medical Home

Your doctor can tell you if you should:

- ✦ **Treat your child at home**
(They will tell you how)
- ✦ **Come to the doctor's office**
(They will make an appointment for you)
- ✦ **Or go to the Emergency Room**
(The Emergency Room is for true emergencies—times when children may lose their life or risk their health without immediate treatment. It is rare when children need to go to the Emergency Room.)

