

Fall 2025 Developmental and Autism Screening Workshop

“Referral Roadmap: From Assessment to Action”

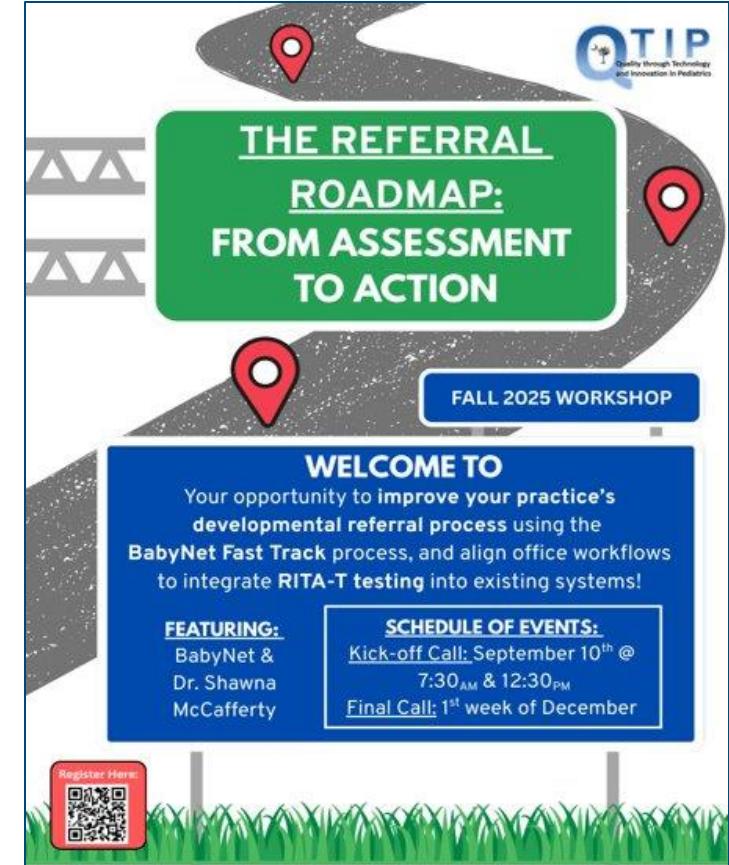
Quality through Technology and Innovation in Pediatrics (QTIP) Team

South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

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Workshop Overview

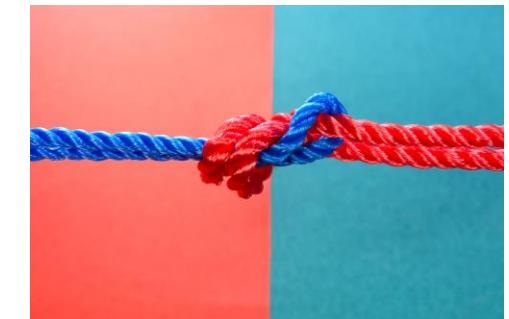
- **The Why Behind the Developmental Workshop**
- **The Referral Roadmap Workshop in Action**
- **The Results:** BabyNet Fast Track data
- **Audience discussion:** Practice experiences and workshop projects



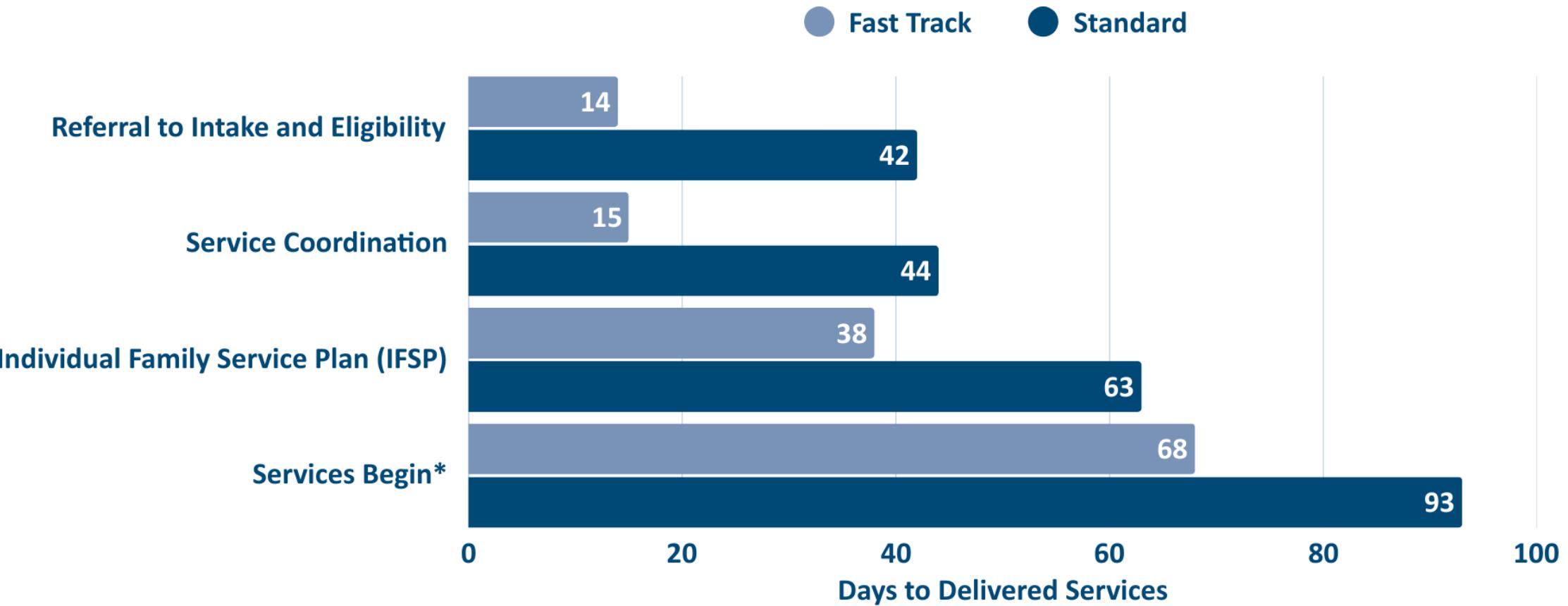
The Why Behind the Developmental Workshop

Developmental and Autism Screening Focus

- This year's quality improvement (QI) theme is about **moving from screening to meaningful follow-up**.
- **Workshop goal:** Support QTIP practices in improving developmental screening and referral processes through education and incorporation of the updated BabyNet Fast Track and/or Rapid Interactive Screening Test for Autism in Toddlers (RITA-T) testing into existing workflows.
- The workshop also provides opportunities to:
 - Learn how to interpret screening results and make appropriate referrals;
 - Ensure referrals are timely, appropriate and coordinate;
 - Promote/clarify the use of the BabyNet Fast Track; and
 - Clarify how RITA-T fits into the practice workflow.



BabyNet Referral to Services Timeline Average from April 1-Dec. 31, 2025



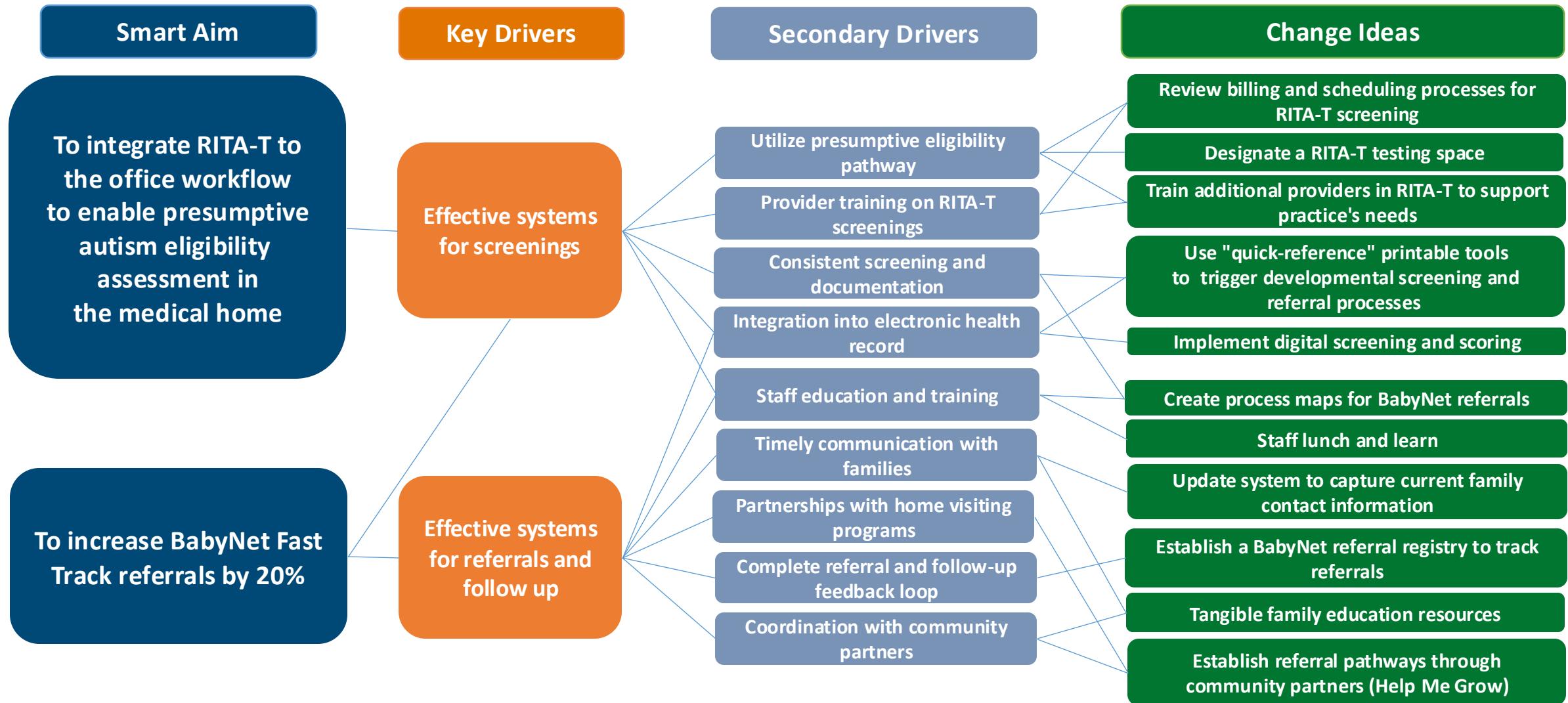
*Services must begin within 30 days of being added to the IFSP, so the Services Begin is an estimate based on requirements.

Why the Referral Roadmap

- Some **challenges and feedback** we received after introducing the BabyNet Fast Track:
 - Practices referring to **multiple agencies** for the same concern
 - **Incorrect or misdirected** referrals (e.g., sent to services rather than to BabyNet)
 - A general **lack of clarity** within practices around internal roles, timelines and follow-up responsibilities
- Updates to the **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Services Manual** have introduced new opportunities and challenges to practices offering RITA-T testing.
 - How do practices **administer RITA-T** when the testing block should allow for 30 minutes but a scheduling protocol isn't in place?
 - **Applied behavior analysis (ABA) therapy options are limited** in many areas across the state, so how do practices get patients into therapies they need?

The Referral Roadmap Workshop in Action

Referral Roadmap Key Driver Diagram



About the Workshop: The Who and What

13 Practices Completed the Workshop!

- Beaufort Pediatrics
- Carolina Pediatrics
- Grand Strand Pediatrics
- Hope Health-Florence
- Kid's Choice
- McLeod Pediatric Associates of Florence
- MUSC Northwoods
- Palmetto Pediatric and Adolescent Clinic-Columbia
- Palmetto Pediatric Center-Aiken
- Prisma Health-Pleasantburg
- Rock Hill Pediatrics
- Tandem Health Pediatrics
- Tiger Pediatrics



Project Focuses Included:

- RITA-T administration and scheduling implementation
- Staff/Provider education on BabyNet Fast Track
- Adjusting clinic workflow/EMR to increase accurate Fast Track referrals
- Tracking M-CHAT (Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers) abnormalities to schedule RITA-T testing
- Increasing BabyNet Fast Track referrals through practice wide buy-in
- Increasing accepted BabyNet Fast Track referrals

About the Workshop: What We Learned

- **What we learned:**

- **Communication** is the key to success regarding implementation in the office for both RITA-T testing and BabyNet Fast Track referrals.
 - Staff and patient education
 - Coordination between provider's and front desk staff for scheduling
 - Use of handouts and flyers
 - Using the BabyNet contact QR code card
 - Local resources for families
- It's all in the **details**. Successful BabyNet Fast Track referrals follow consistent documentation with thorough evaluation of patient's eligibility.
- **Process** makes perfect over time. Working with all levels of your team to develop RITA-T scheduling protocols, testing procedures and navigating referrals post-testing will lead to a process that works from the front desk to the exam room.



Developmental Screening

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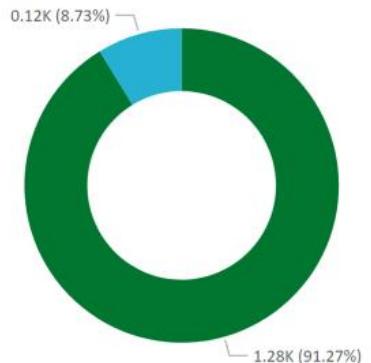
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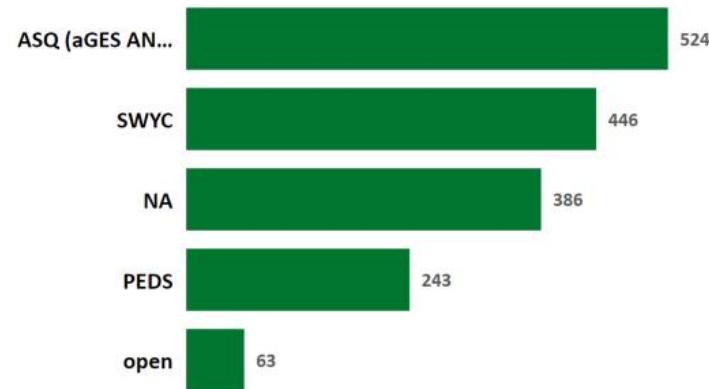
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Development screen type

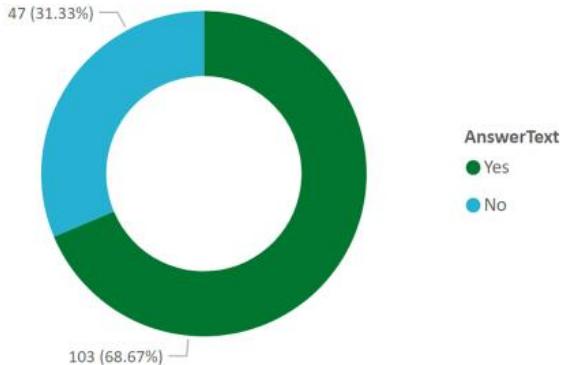


Positive vs negative tests

AnswerText ● No ● Yes

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Referral status



Autism Screening

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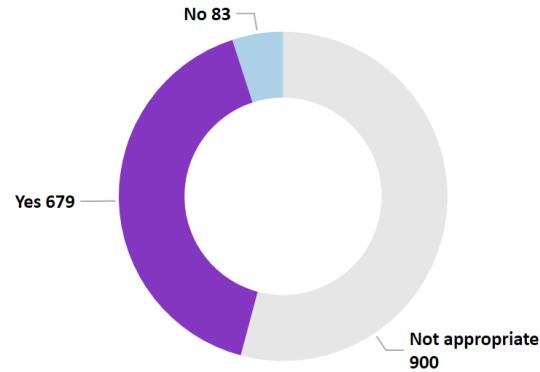
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Cycle 2	Cycle 4	Cycle 6

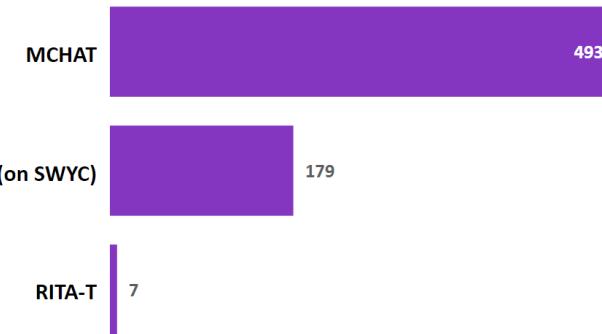
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Ballentine Pediatrics	Hope Health Pediatrics-Manning
Beaufort Pediatrics	Kids Choice
Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Servi...	McLeod Pediatric Associates of Florence-Side B
Carolina Pediatrics	McLeod Pediatric Associates of Florence-Side A
Children's Medical Center	MUSC Children's Health University Pediatrics-Rutledg...
Eastern Carolina Pediatric Associates	MUSC Children's Health University Pediatrics-Summe...
Georgetown Pediatric Center	MUSC Children's Health University Pediatrics-West A...
Grand Strand Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine. PA-Litt...	MUSC Children's Health--Northwoods

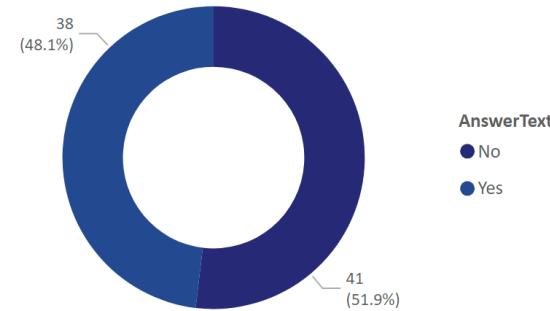
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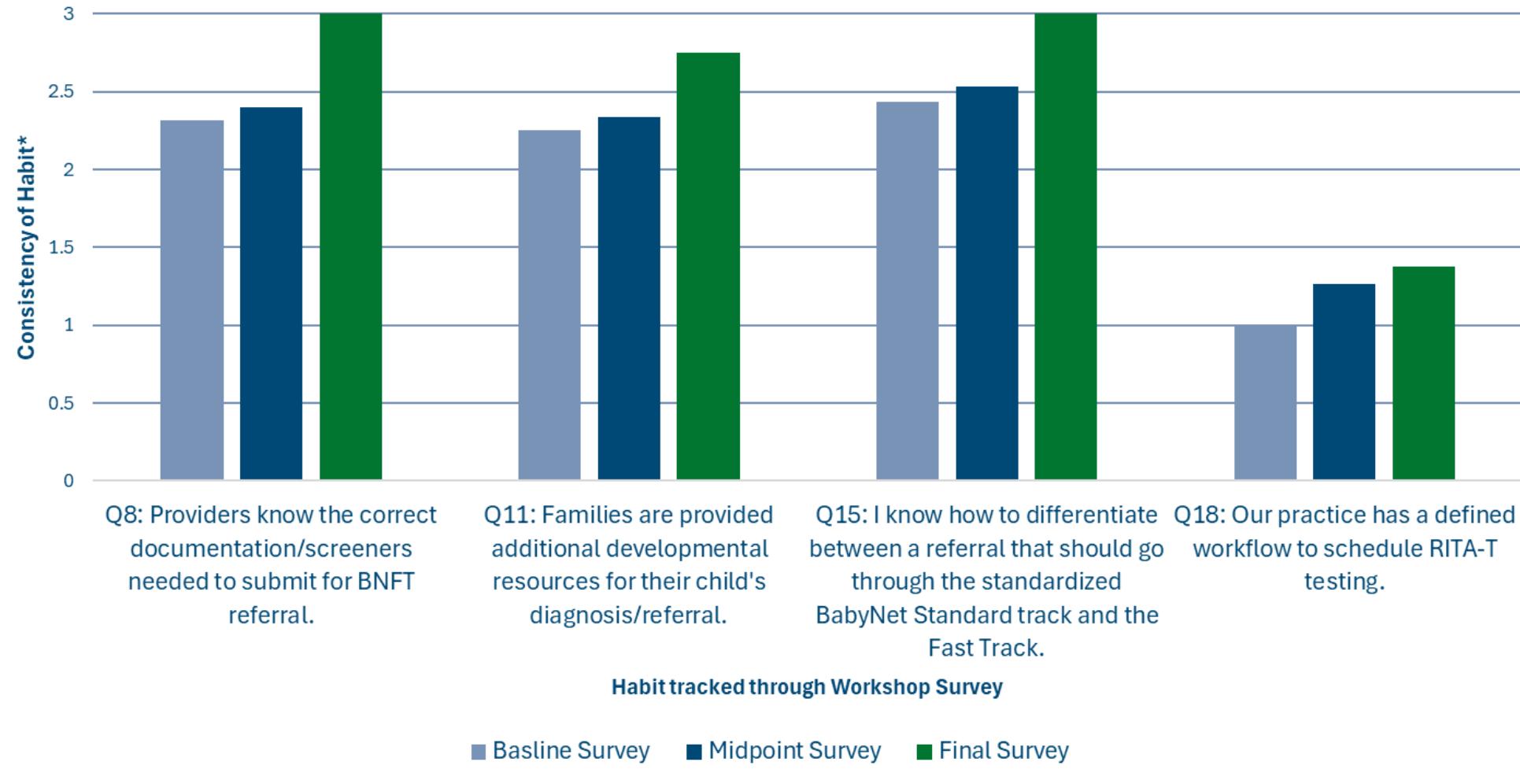
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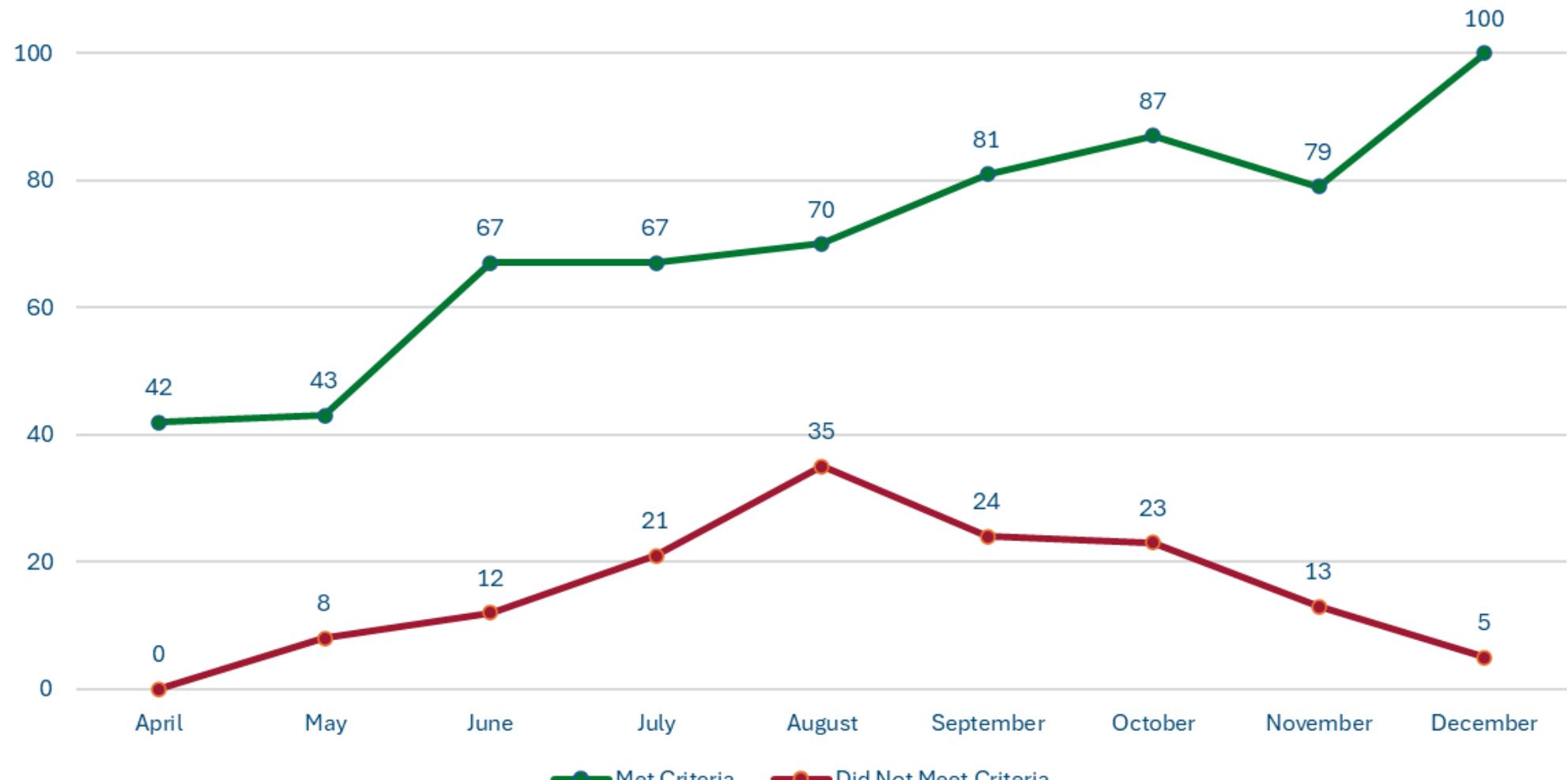
Average Response by All Practices to Referral Roadmap Survey Over Time



*Practices were asked how consistently the habit/practice was seen in their office. Their responses were coded as follows:
1-Not Done, 2-Not Consistently Done (less than 75% of the time), and 3-Consistently Done (75% of the time or more).

The Results: BabyNet Fast Track Data

Fast Track Referrals with Exit Status from April 1, 2025, to Dec. 31, 2025



BabyNet Fast Track Referrals Data

QTIP Region	Number of Successful FT Referrals	Number of Redirected FT Referrals	Total Number of BNFT Referrals Submitted
Upstate (AnMed, Children's Medical Center, Prisma-Center for Pediatric Medicine, Kids Choice, Prisma-Pleasantburg, Tiger)	127	27	154
Myrtle Beach (Grandstrand, Riverside, Tidelands, Georgetown)	126	35	161
PeeDee (Eastern Peds, McLeod, Hope Health-Florence)	73	17	90
Columbia (Ballentine, Carolina Pediatrics, Prisma-Children's Hospital Outpatient Center, Palmetto Pediatrics-Columbia, Sandhills)	172	28	200
Charleston (MUSC-Northwoods, MUSC-Rutledge Tower, MUSC-Summerville, MUSC-West Ashley, Pelican Peds)	36	3	39
Beaufort (Beaufort Peds, Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton CHS)	25	13	38
Outliers (Hope Health-Manning, Tandem Health, Rock Hill, Palm Peds-Aiken)	46	19	65

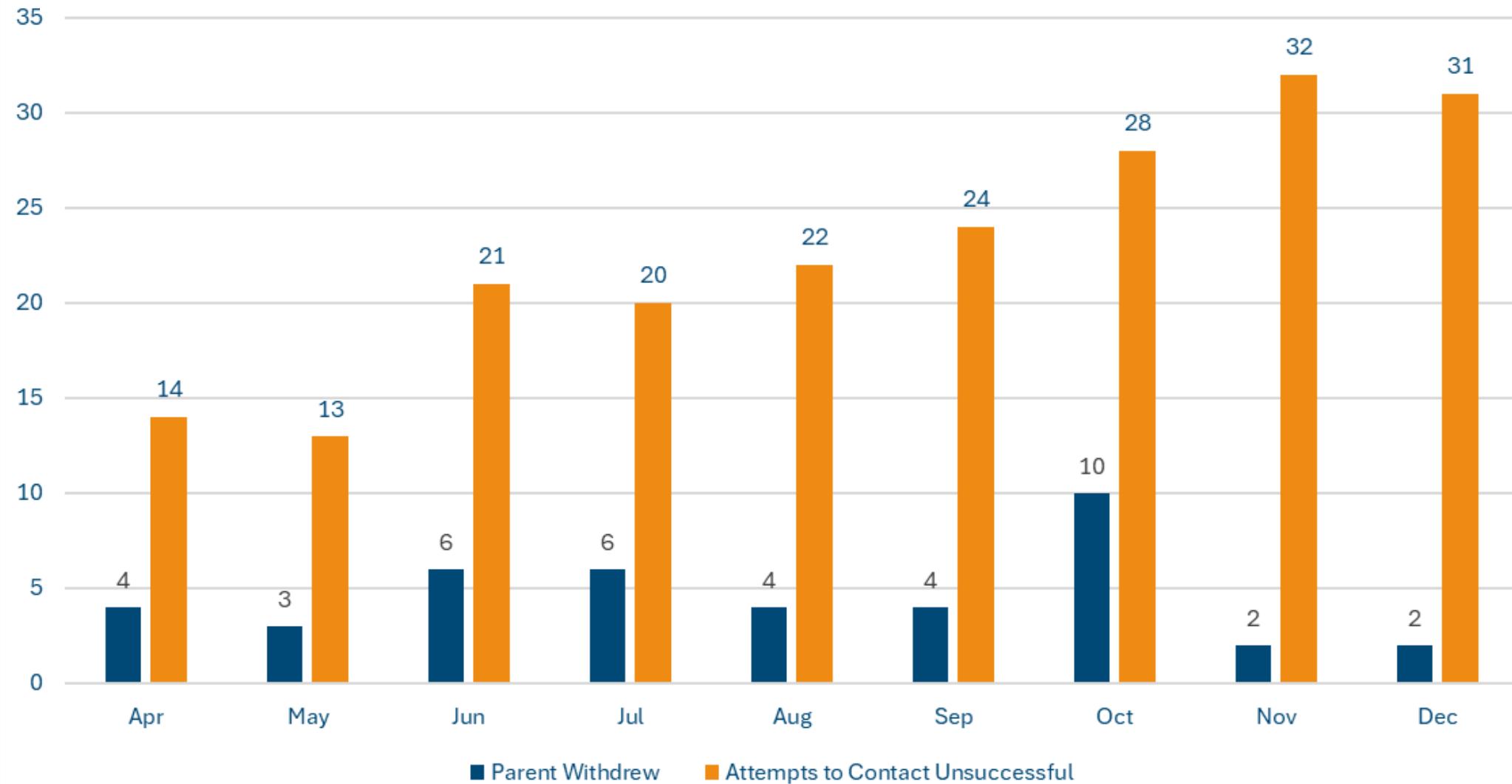
BabyNet Fast Track referral data as reported from April 2025-December 2025.

BabyNet Fast Track Referrals Data

Distribution of Successful BabyNet Fast Track Referrals					
QTIP Region	Number of Parent Withdrawals	Number of Unsuccessful Contacts	Number of Intake Scheduled	Number of IFSP in Progress	Number of IFSP in Place
Upstate	8	39	11	22	47
Myrtle Beach	10	51	8	9	48
PeeDee	4	25	3	6	35
Columbia	7	44	12	19	90
Charleston	3	14	0	4	15
Beaufort	2	14	0	1	8
Outliers	1	17	3	3	22

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Audience Discussion

Practice Experiences and Workshop Projects

Changes made in the referral process



Office and staff training



Changes to screening

- Expanding age range
- Adopting new screeners



Parent education and resources



Testing Procedures

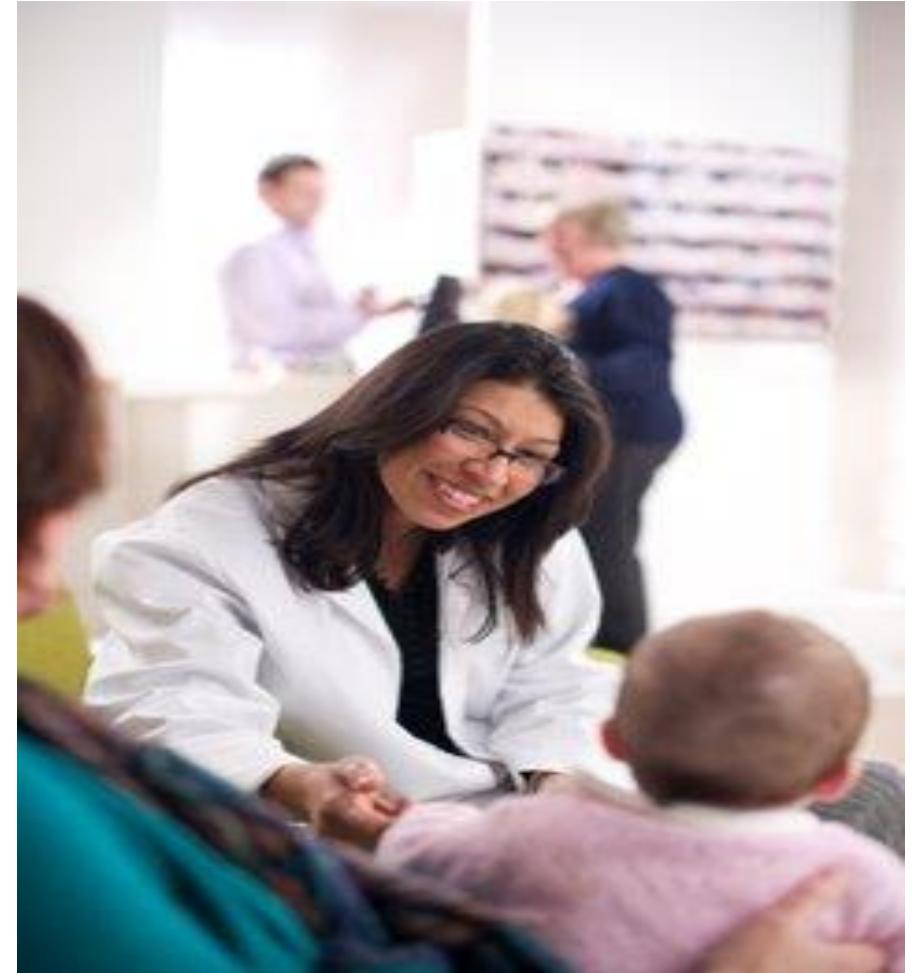
- Scheduling
- Office space changes



Provider and staff training



Experience with presumptive diagnosis



Workshop Sponsor

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THE REFERRAL ROADMAP: FROM ASSESSMENT TO ACTION

WORKSHOP AWARD PRESENTED TO:

**PALMETTO PEDIATRICS
CENTER-AIKEN**

