



## **Extension for Community Health Outcomes (ECHO) Autism STAT Diagnostic Model for Community Physicians**

We are seeking interested community physicians to participate in a new ECHO program through DDBP (Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Psychology).

### WHAT?

- A collaborative training program and intensive learning community for primary care pediatricians to build expertise in diagnosis and treatment of children with autism in their community.
- Modeled after existing programs in Missouri and Indiana
- Requires 1 year of participation in an ECHO Autism cohort that includes:
  - Intensive training for 2-3 days (held in-person) on administering standardized developmental observation tool for Autism (STAT) and video assessment to achieve reliability AND
  - Participation in 2x/month, 90-minute sessions (held virtually), including didactic teaching and case presentations provided by multidisciplinary team of experts in Autism diagnostics from DDBP.
- Commitment to developing the skills to become an autism diagnostician for young children (ages 1-4 years) and serving as a local autism expert/ consultant in your practice and community.

### WHY?

- Building capacity for primary care pediatrician to diagnose autism improves time-to-diagnosis; promotes equitable access to care by serving children who live in more distant, rural areas or have other barriers to accessing care at tertiary care centers (financial, transportation, etc.); and enhances longitudinal care of children with Autism.

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### WHEN?

- We are exploring funding for this program, with an anticipated launch of summer/fall 2024.

If you are interested and/or have questions, please send an email to Dr. Julia Anixt ([julia.anixt@cchmc.org](mailto:julia.anixt@cchmc.org)) and Dr. Jennifer Ehrhardt ([Jennifer.ehrhardt@cchmc.org](mailto:Jennifer.ehrhardt@cchmc.org)) in DDBP.