Transforming and Expanding Access to Mental Health Care in Urban Pediatrics

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It is estimated that 75% of children with mental health disorders go untreated due to workforce shortages, stigma, and administrative barriers to health care coverage. In addition, many primary care providers (PCPs) acknowledge they lack the training, time, and connection to solutions to adequately identify and respond to behavioral health needs. Furthermore, when PCPs make referrals to community providers, their patients can experience long time lags in receipt of services or, worse, no access at all. This problem is especially acute in communities where most residents have low incomes and experience multiple stressors.

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