

What is a Medical Provider Champion?

A medical provider champion is a health care professional who works to start or support developmental health screening and promotion in their community or state. Medical provider champions initiate, support, and work to maintain the often difficult and ongoing work that sustains the health of a community.

The medical provider champion should be knowledgeable, trustworthy, approachable, and willing to share knowledge with others, willing to support and advocate for process changes, implement new ideas, and serve as a resource for others. Medical provider champions either keep or support everyone moving towards the group's goal, even in moments when it may feel like momentum has stalled.

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Helpful Qualities & Skills

While not necessary, the qualities and skills below are helpful when exploring potential Medical Provider Champions:

- Communicates information, resources, and processes with key partners
- Demonstrates awareness in balancing conflicting goals and perceptions
- Utilizes and builds their network
- Ability to function patiently and effectively in an uncertain environment
- Interpersonal skills: listening and identifying the concerns of others
- Stimulates motivation and commitment in others involved
- Influencing skills in gaining commitment to project plans and ideas