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Innovative Pediatric Programs: Ideas that Help Youths

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Innovative programs in healthcare are those that have identified needs in a community and have found creative solutions to meet those needs. This issue of *Pediatric Annals* highlights five such programs: one program that addresses the needs of children with asthma, another that helps obese children and those at risk for obesity adopt a better diet and lifestyle, a third that educates parents about injury prevention, a fourth that helps identify patients who may need mental health services, and a fifth that reaches out to underserved young people.



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The goal of the Kansas City Childhood Asthma Management Program is to improve the quality of life for children with asthma.

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