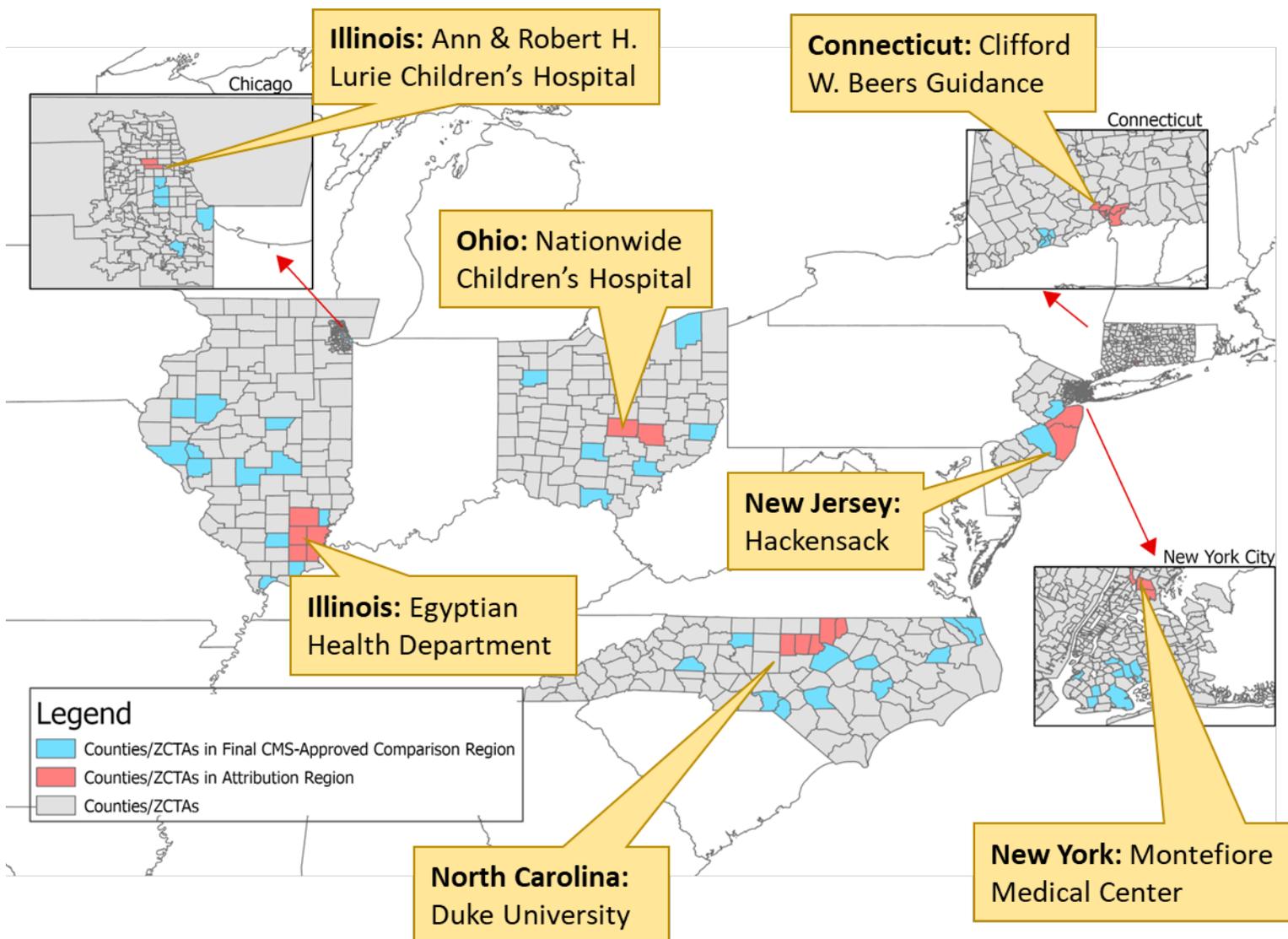


Model Overview

The Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) Model is a child-centered, local service delivery and state payment model for Medicaid beneficiaries from birth until age 21. Some local InCK Model programs also include children enrolled in the Children’s Health Insurance Program and pregnant beneficiaries aged 21 and over. The Model aims to improve performance on priority child health measures, reduce avoidable out-of-home placements, and create sustainable alternative payment models.

Model strategies include population needs screening of health and social-drivers of health; expanded access to primary, specialty, and behavioral care; and provision of Core Child Services through enhanced coordinated care facilitated by data integration and sharing to improve care quality.

Award Recipients



Barriers to Integration



- Complex service system within equitable access to:
 - Culturally competent providers accepting Medicaid.
 - Transportation, specialists, and social services.
- Stigma related to behavioral health.
- Distrust in health and service systems resulting from current and historical trauma, discrimination, and mistreatment.

PhotoVoice: Seven destinations in one afternoon to care for one child. Note that none of these places are on the public transportation route.

Key Findings

- Each Award Recipient developed its own program.
- Award Recipients are coordinating care, educating providers and communities, integrating data, improving ease of navigating service delivery, and designing individualized approaches based on their local community's needs.
- Challenges included the COVID Public Health Emergency, which exacerbated the demands on healthcare and service systems, and complex legal environments for establishing data-sharing processes.

Takeaways

- Each individualized evaluation
 - Integrates multiple data sources,
 - Actively engages with Award Recipients, and
 - Uses diverse methods to capture information.
- States' Medicaid data quality varies.



PhotoVoice: Traveling by train to a postpartum visit. Safety concerns include navigating the stairs with a newborn in a stroller. Many subway stations do not have working elevators.