

## Physician's Guide to Chatham County's Public Health Programs for Children

*The Chatham County Health Department offers many programs to serve children & adolescents. The following is a brief guide to understanding the various programs and services offered in Chatham County. Visit <http://www.gachd.org/chatham>*

Program Name	Target Population	Program Overview	Financial or Other Eligibility Requirements	Contact Information	
<b>Children 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Birth - 5 yrs.	System of early identification of at-risk children. Single point of entry for: <i>Babies Can't Wait, Children's Medical Services, high risk infant follow-up, SIDS, &amp; Universal Newborn Hearing Screening.</i> Provides referrals to other public health & community programs via a home visit.	None	Wendy Ondriezek Children 1st Coordinator 24 Oglethorpe Professional Blvd. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Savannah, GA 31406 912-356-2831 waondriezek@dhr.state.ga.us	
<b>Can refer to these programs via Children 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Babies Can't Wait (BCW)</b>	Birth - 3 yrs.	Education model program for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities.	Diagnosed medical condition resulting in a significant delay in 1 or more developmental areas or moderate delays in 2 or more developmental areas.	Beleta Lockwood BCW Coordinator 24 Oglethorpe Professional Blvd. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Savannah, GA 31406 912-356-2859 bblockwood@dhr.state.ga.us
	<b>Children's Medical Services (CMS)</b>	Birth – 21 yrs.	Provides, pays for and coordinates specialty medical evaluations and treatment for patients with designated chronic medical conditions.	Income limited $\leq$ 150% of Federal Poverty Level; limited to designated medical conditions; contact program for additional information	Takiya Jones CMS Coordinator 24 Oglethorpe Professional Blvd. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Savannah, GA 31406 912-356-2869 tjjones@dhr.state.ga.us
	<b>Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) &amp; Other Infant Death (OID)</b>	Parents, Healthcare & Childcare Providers	Education on SIDS risk reduction & bereavement support to families who experience loss.	None	No Program Information only or referral outside via Children 1st
	<b>Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention</b>	All Newborns	Universal Newborn Hearing Screening in birth hospitals. Provides second screening and referrals for children with identified hearing impairment, diagnosis, and entry into intervention program.	None	Mesha Brown Universal Newborn Hearing Coordinator 24 Oglethorpe Professional Blvd. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Savannah, GA 31406 912-356-2860 mcbrown1@dhr.state.ga.us
	<b>Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)</b>	Pregnant, post-partum, nursing mothers, infants & children up to age 5	Special supplemental nutrition program that provides nutrition assessment and education, breastfeeding support, monthly food vouchers and refers applicants to available health and social services.	Georgia residents with income $\leq$ 185% of Federal Poverty Level or enrolled in Medicaid & at risk for nutritional deficiencies	Pat Mobley Nutrition Services Director 912-262-3018 ppmobley@dhr.state.ga.us
<b>Adolescent Health and Youth Development (AHYD)</b>	Youth ages 10 – 19 yrs.	Provides a network of community-based support focused on improving the health status of Georgia's adolescents.	Age 10 – 19 yrs.	Cristina Gibson Health Promotion 912-644-5209 cpgibson@dhr.state.ga.us	

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<b>Abstinence-Only Education Campaign</b>	Youth ages 10 – 19 yrs	Contracts with community organizations that provide education about abstinence until marriage among youth.	Age 10 – 19 yrs.	Cristina Gibson Health Promotion 912-644-5209 cpgibson@dhr.state.ga.us	
<b>Georgia Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program</b>	3 months to 6 yrs.	Encourages lead risk assessments of lead exposure & investigates lead hazards. All children enrolled in Medicaid & PeachCare should be tested for lead poisoning at 12 & 24 mos. and at 36 - 72 mos. if there is no record of previous test at 12 & 24 mos.	None	Maria Wargovich 912-756-2636 mcwargovich@dhr.state.ga.us	
<b>Georgia Immunization Program</b>	<b>Vaccines for Children (VFC)</b>	Birth through 18 yrs.	Vaccines available to children who are enrolled in Medicaid/Peachcare, uninsured, underinsured or are Alaskan natives or American Indian.	See Program Overview	Jocelyn Hall Immunization Coordinator 912-644-5204 jlhall@dhr.state.ga.us
	<b>Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions &amp; Services (GRITS)</b>	All	The Georgia Immunization Registry is designed to collect and maintain accurate, complete and current vaccination records to promote effective and cost-efficient disease prevention and control. Providers are required to report all vaccines administered to GRITS.	None	Jocelyn Hall Immunization Coordinator 912-644-5204 jlhall@dhr.state.ga.us
<b>Hearing and Vision Screening Program</b>	Pre-K, K, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders	Early detection, referral & intervention of vision and/or hearing defects through early detection, referral and intervention.	None	Chatham County Health Department	
<b>Nutrition Services</b>	All	Works with public & private sector to promote healthy eating lifestyles.	None	WIC – Birth to age 5 Pat Mobley Nutrition Services Director 912-262-3018 ppmobley@dhr.state.ga.us	
<b>Oral Health Section</b>	School Age Children and Adolescents	Promotes prevention, early detection, screening, treatment, & control of oral disease.	<185% Federal Poverty Level or those qualified for free/reduced lunch	Harry Hickson, DMD 912-644-5207 hthickson@dhr.state.ga.us	
<b>Newborn Metabolic Screening and Sickle Cell Disorders Program</b>	Newborns	Early detection of metabolic, endocrine, or hemoglobin disease.	None	Newborn Metabolic: Wendy Ondriezek Children’s 1st Coordinator 24 Oglethorpe Professional Blvd. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Savannah, GA 31406 912-356-2831 waondriezek@dhr.state.ga.us  Sickle Cell: Takieya Jones 24 Oglethorpe Professional Blvd. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Savannah, GA 31406 912-356-2869 tjones@dhr.state.ga.us	
<b>Notifiable Diseases Epidemiology Section</b>	All	Allows the reporting of notifiable diseases offers follow-up with patients and	None	Epidemiology 912-644-5229	

		identifies outbreaks.		
<b>Scoliosis Screening</b>	Children in Grades 6-8	Free in school screens for at risk children in Georgia Public Schools.	None	Takieya Jones CMS Coordinator 24 Oglethorpe Professional Blvd. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Savannah, GA 31406 912-356-2869 tjjones@dhr.state.ga.us
<b>Savannah Perinatal Initiative</b>	Pregnant women in Chatham Co.	Provide home visits (in conjunction with Partners for a Healthy Baby curriculum) to high-risk pregnant women in Chatham County to ensure healthier moms and babies in our community.	None	Cindy Hendry Perinatal/CSS Coordinator 24 Oglethorpe Professional Blvd. P.O. Box 15879 Savannah, Ga. 31406 912-303-1602 cahendry@dhr.state.ga.us