

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	
Children 1st	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, & Universal Newborn Hearing Screening.</i> Provides referrals to other public health & community programs via a home visit.	None	Jackie King Children First Coordinator 132 Stephenson Ave. Savannah, GA 31405 912-303-1612 Jmking@dhr.state.ga.us	
Can refer to these programs via Children 1st	Babies Can't Wait	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 Early Intervention Coordinator 132 Stephenson Ave. Savannah, GA 31405 912-303-6594 bllockwood@dhr.state.ga.us	
	Children's Medical Services (CMS)	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 Christie McCall Children's Medical Services Coordinator 132 Stephenson Ave. Savannah, GA 31405 912-303-1613 clmccall@dhr.state.ga.us	
	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) & Other Infant Death (OID)	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 First
	Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention	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 132 Stephenson Ave. Savannah, GA 31405 912-303-1614 mcbrown1@dhr.state.ga.us
	Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	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	Tonya Scott Nutrition Services Director 912-262-3003 Tescott1@dhr.state.ga.us
Adolescent Health and Youth Development (AHYD)	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.	Christina Gibson Health Promotion 912-644-5209 cpgibson@dhr.state.ga.us	

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Abstinence-Only Education Campaign	Youth ages 10 – 19 yrs	Contracts with community organizations that provide education about abstinence until marriage among youth.	Age 10 – 19 yrs.	Christina Gibson Health Promotion 912-644-5209 cpgibson@dhr.state.ga.us	
Georgia Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	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	Chatham Cynthia Zipperer, RN 912-353-5161 cfzipperer@dhr.state.ga.us	
Georgia Immunization Program	Vaccines for Children (VFC)	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	Elizabeth Hausauer Immunization Coordinator 912-644-5200 ETHausauer@dhr.state.ga.us
	Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions & Services (GRITS)	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	Elizabeth Hausauer Immunization Coordinator 912-644-5200 ETHausauer@dhr.state.ga.us
Hearing and Vision Screening Program	Pre-K, K, 1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Graders	Early detection, referral & intervention of vision and/or hearing defects through early detection, referral and intervention.	None	Chatham County Health Department	
Nutrition Services	All	Works with public & private sector to promote healthy eating lifestyles.	None	WIC – Children Birth to age 5 Tonya Scott Nutrition Services Director 912-262-3003 tescott@dhr.state.ga.us	
Oral Health Section	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	
Newborn Metabolic Screening and Sickle Cell Disorders Program	Newborns	Early detection of metabolic, endocrine, or hemoglobin disease.	None	Newborn Metabolic – Lisa Summerford 912-303-1615 lmsummerford@dhr.state.ga.us Sickle Cell – Christie McCall 912-303-1613 clmccall@dhr.state.ga.us	
Notifiable Diseases Epidemiology Section	All	Allows the reporting of notifiable diseases offers follow-up with patients and identifies outbreaks.	None	Epidemiology 912-644-5229	
Scoliosis Screening	Children in Grades 6-8	Free in school screens for at risk children in Georgia Public Schools.	None	Jackie King, Christie McCall 912-303-1612 or 1613 Jmking@dhr.state.ga.us clmccall@dhr.state.ga.us	