



Pediatrician's Guide to Public Health Programs for Children in Georgia

The Georgia Division of Public Health (DPH) offers many programs to serve children & adolescents. The following is a brief guide to our members in understanding the various programs and services.

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.	Participation is voluntary; there are no financial requirements for enrollment into the system.	404-657-4143 or local health department	
Can refer to these programs via Children 1st	Babies Can't Wait	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.	Parent to Parent 770-451-5484 800-229-2038	
	Children's Medical Services (CMS)	Provides, pays for, or coordinates specialty medical evaluations and treatment for patients with chronic medical conditions.	Eligibility based on Federal Poverty Level. Medicaid enrollees, SSI recipients, those in foster care, are eligible.	888-651-8224 or local health department	
	High Risk Infant Follow-up	Provides services to infants who are at increased risk for health and developmental problems due to their medical conditions at birth.	Infants with a diagnosed health or medical condition, who may be at increased risk for morbidity or mortality.	404-657-4857 or local health department	
	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	404-463-2117 or local health department
	Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention	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.	All newborns	404-657-4143 or local health department
	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 & have a nutritional risk	800-228-9173 or local health department
Adolescent Health and Youth Development (AHYD)	Youth ages 10 - 19	Provides a network of community-based support focused on improving the health status of Georgia's adolescents.	Youth ages 10 - 19	404-656-6679 or local health department	
Abstinence-Only Education Campaign	Youth ages 10 - 19 yrs	Contracts with community organizations that provide education about abstinence until marriage among youth.	Youth ages 10 - 19	404-656-6679 or local health department	

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Babies Born Healthy	Pregnant women	Pays for prenatal care, hospital delivery & limited newborn care. Services offered via local providers.	Pregnant women who do not qualify for Medicaid and are \leq 250% Federal Poverty Level.	800-822-2539 or local health department
Georgia Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	3 months to 6 years of age	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	404-463-3754 or 888-247-9054 or local health department
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
	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 404-463-0810 or 888-223-8644 immreg@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	404-657-6359 or local health department
Nutrition Section	All	Works with public & private sector to promote healthy eating lifestyles.	None	404-657-2884 or local health department
Oral Health Section	School age Children and Adolescents	Promotes prevention, early detection, screening, treatment, & control of oral disease.	<185% Federal Poverty Level or those on free/reduced lunch	404-657-6639 or local health department
Newborn Metabolic Screening and Sickle Cell Disorders Program	Newborns	Early detection of metabolic, endocrine, or hemoglobin disease.	None	404-657-6359
Notifiable Diseases Epidemiology Section	All	Allows the reporting of notifiable diseases, offers follow-up with patients and identifies outbreaks.	None	404-657-2588 or local health department
Perinatal Case Management	Pregnant Women	Pregnancy case management for Medicaid enrolled women.	Pregnant Medicaid recipients	404-657-3143 or 800-822-2539
Pregnancy Related Services	New Mothers & newborns up to 12 mos.	Offers clinically-focused home visits for Medicaid enrolled women & their infants.	Post-partum women or Medicaid enrolled infants up to age 12 months	800-822-2539 or local health department
Regional Perinatal Centers	Pregnant Mothers & High Risk Infants	Six regional centers provide comprehensive perinatal care services for pregnant women, their fetuses and neonates in all risk categories	None	404-657-3143
Scoliosis Screening	Children in Grades 6-8	Free in school screens for at risk children in Georgia Public Schools.	None	404-651-7551
School Health	School Age Children	Provides education & technical assistance to school health personnel.	None	404-651-7551