

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

The Georgia Department 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	
<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, Care First, SIDS, &amp; Universal Newborn Hearing Screening &amp; Intervention.</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	
<b>Can refer to these programs via Children 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Babies Can't Wait</b>	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 1-800-229-2038	
	<b>Children's Medical Services (CMS)</b>	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.	1-888-651-8224 or local health department	
	<b>Safe to Sleep Program</b>	Parents, Healthcare & Childcare Providers	Education on Safe to Sleep	None	404-657-2904
	<b>Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention</b>	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
	<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 & have a nutritional risk	1-800-228-9173 or local health department
<b>Adolescent Health and Youth Development (AHYD)</b>	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	
<b>Abstinence-Only Education Campaign</b>	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	
<b>Babies Born Healthy</b>	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.	1-800-822-2539 or 404-657-3147	

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<b>Georgia Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program</b>	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 1-888-247-9054 or local health department
<b>Nutrition Section</b>	All	Works with public & private sector to promote healthy eating lifestyles.	None	404-657-2884 or local health department
<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 404-657-5013 or gavfc@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 404-463-0810 or 1-888-223-8644 immreg@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 on free/reduced lunch	404-657-6639 or local health department
<b>Newborn Metabolic Screening and Sickle Cell Disorders Program</b>	Newborns	Early detection of metabolic, endocrine, or hemoglobin disease.	None	404-657-6359
<b>Notifiable Diseases Epidemiology Section</b>	All	Allows the reporting of notifiable diseases offers follow-up with patients and identifies outbreaks.	None	404-657-2588 or local health department
<b>Planning for Health Babies (P4HB)</b>	Georgia women ages 18 - 44 who are a U.S. citizen or person with qualified proof of citizenship	Planning for Healthy Babies (P4HB) seeks to improve Georgia's very low birth weight rate and low birth weight rates, reduce the number of unplanned pregnancies, provide family planning to low income women, increase child spacing intervals through effective contraceptive use and provide access to inter-pregnancy care health services (IPC) to women with a previous very low birth weight infant. Visit <a href="http://www.p4hb.org">www.p4hb.org</a> for further details	≤ 200% of the federal poverty level and not eligible for any other Medicaid program or managed care program  Women who have delivered a baby less than 1,500 grams qualify for the IPC program	1-877-744-2101
<b>Regional Perinatal Centers</b>	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
<b>Scoliosis Screening</b>	Children in Grades 6-8	Free in school screens for at risk children in Georgia Public Schools.	None	404-651-7551
<b>School Health</b>	School Age Children	Provides education & technical assistance to school health personnel.	None	404-651-7551