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## Austin Children's Health Project



The Austin Children's Health Project (ACHP) provides services to children in the greater Austin area. The patients seen by the ACHP include medically underserved children from urban school sites and one resource center identified to have a high population of low-income families. Many children who attend these schools come from newly immigrated families. These newly immigrated populations are less likely to be up to date on immunizations and have often received limited or no preventative health care. The ACHP brings pediatric primary care directly to children in need through long-term relationships with schools in the Austin area. The intent is to provide these children with a medical home. Staff works closely with school nurses in order to focus services toward children with the most need — those with no current primary care provider.



Bringing consistent, high quality medical services to isolated communities and providing care without regard to ability to pay, the ACHP helps to overcome persistent barriers to health care in the region: geographic isolation, lack of transportation, lack of insurance and lack of financial resources.

### Serving Communities in Need

Ninety-four percent of the patients served by the ACHP are uninsured, and the other 6% have Medicaid; 76% of patients are Hispanic, 14% African American, 7% White, 2% Asian and 1% other. In the Austin area, rates of poverty amongst families with children are quite high. Fifteen-and-a-half percent of families with children under 18 years of age live in poverty, as do 34.7% of female-headed households with children under 18 years of age and 44.4% of female-headed households with children under five years old. Sixty-two percent of students in the Austin Independent School District are considered economically disadvantaged. Nineteen-and-a-half percent of all children living in Travis County are uninsured.

### Available Services

- ▣ Comprehensive physical examinations and immunizations;
- ▣ Management of acute and chronic illnesses;
- ▣ Nutrition assessment and body weight monitoring;
- ▣ Screenings for lead, hemoglobin and vision and hearing testing;
- ▣ Substance abuse assessment and referrals;
- ▣ Social services and case management; and
- ▣ Community and specialty health provider referrals.

### Program Sites

The Austin CHP visits four schools and one child and family resource center on a weekly basis: McBee Elementary School, Houston Elementary School, T.A. Brown Elementary School and Any Baby Can (Child and Family Resource Center).

## PROGRAM FACTS

**Home Institution/Affiliation:**  
Dell Children's Medical Center

**Year Established:**  
August 1995

**Electronic Health Records Implemented:** 2002

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