



**Children's Health Fund**

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## Children's Health Project of D.C.



The Children's Health Project of D.C. (CHPDC) serves communities in the Anacostia region of Southeastern D.C. In the particular region of D.C. (Wards 5, 6, 7 and 8) served by the CHPDC, children and youth experience a high degree of socioeconomic and environmental risk factors that often give rise to developmental delays and long-term health problems. These factors include high incidences of infant mortality, infant morbidity, teenage pregnancy, low birth weights, prenatal exposure to drugs and alcohol and child abuse and neglect. The CHPDC provides comprehensive primary care at sites situated near public housing that are within walking distance of schools. Additionally, to address the increasingly unmet dental needs of its patients, the program provides full dental services via a mobile dental unit. The CHPDC is also part of Children's Health Fund's Referral Management Initiative, which is designed to ensure that children in high-risk populations have access to specialty care.

### Serving Communities in Need

Ninety percent of patients seen by the CHPDC are African American. Approximately 86% of patients have Medicaid, 7% have private insurance and 7% are uninsured. The CHPDC functions on the model of a medical home, where physicians become the private doctors to the children in the programs. In establishing continuity of care, physicians rotate on-call responsibilities, ensuring that patients have access to care 24 hours a day, seven day per week. In addition to medical services, the dental team works closely with the medical team to ensure that the oral health of patients is given as much importance as medical health.

In 2005, services expanded to a fixed site clinic, the Children's Health Center at the Townhall Education Arts and Recreation Campus (THEARC) in the Anacostia region of Southeast D.C. The creation of Children's Health Center was a major accomplishment for CHPDC, as many mobile health patients were able to be transitioned to a fixed site, community-based clinic. The CHPDC is a proud partner of THEARC and is committed to providing medical support services and continuing health education to partner organizations, as well as the community at large. The clinical team of the CHPDC provides an additional array of wrap-around services delivered by the child development team. The child development team consists of a family service supervisor (independent child and family therapist), patient liaison, and social worker that work to ensure that psychosocial needs are addressed and integrated into the clinical plan. The clinic at THEARC has also become the most recent expansion of the hospital-based IDEAL Obesity clinic. Free psychoeducational testing is offered to our patients through a psychologist as a result of a partnership with Kingsbury, Inc. Additionally, free legal representation in areas of kinship care, tenants' rights and public benefits is offered through a partnership with Legal Aid Society of D.C.

### Available Services

- Well child care;
- School physicals;
- Same-day sick appointments;
- Immunizations;
- Complete EPSDT services;
- Lead and Tuberculosis screening;
- Full laboratory services;
- On-call 24 hours/7 days a week;
- Chronic illness management;
- Subspecialty services;
- Community health & parent education projects;
- Grandparent support group;
- Community outreach and referrals;
- Development assessments;
- Nutrition/Audiology services;
- Case management;
- Family crisis management;
- Comprehensive dental services; and
- Cognitive/Behavioral/Psychological assessment.

### Program Sites

In addition to serving patients at the fixed-site clinic at THEARC, the CHPDC visits the following locations on the mobile clinics: Atlantic Terrace, Kenilworth Elementary School, Cesar Chavez Public Charter School, Headstart (Ward 7 and 8), Wilkinson Elementary School, Mamie D. Lee Special Needs School, Fort DuPont, DC General Campus, Edgewood, Benning Park, Lincoln Heights, Arts and Technology Academy.



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## PROGRAM FACTS

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

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September 1992

**Electronic Health Records Implemented:** 2001

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