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## Memphis Children's Health Project



The Memphis Regional Children's Health Project (MRCHP) provides services to children and families in Memphis and rural West Tennessee who do not have a medical home. Through the mobile medical and health education clinics, the program identifies children's health care needs, offers preventive health education, and links children to appropriate medical services. On average, about 120 children are seen each month.

Children and their families in the area have limited access to medical care despite their close proximity to a hospital system. They are often faced with many barriers, including a lack of transportation and health insurance and a limited knowledge of available resources. Children in these communities are frequently treated by the project for conditions that include chronic asthma, diabetes, obesity, elevated blood pressure, elevated lead levels and teenage pregnancy.

By bringing comprehensive primary care directly to the community, the MRCHP aims to decrease emergency room visits and educate families about the value of having an ongoing relationship with a primary care provider. The MRCHP functions as part of three of Children's Health Fund's Special Initiatives: the Referral Management Initiative, which is designed to ensure that children in high-risk populations have access to specialty care; the Childhood Asthma Initiative, which seeks to improve the management of chronic asthma; and the Transportation Initiative, which enhances access to transportation to medical appointments for patients living in areas with deficiencies in public transportation.

### Serving Communities in Need (based on Kids Count data for 2010 from Annie E. Casey Foundation)

Percent of Economically Disadvantaged as judged by Percent of Children Participating in Free and Reduced Lunch

State Rate:	46%
Crockett County:	48.4%
Gibson County:	51.2%
Haywood County:	69.7% (Highest Percentage in West Tennessee)

### Percent of Cohort Dropouts

State Rate:	10.4
Haywood County:	13.4%
Shelby County:	25.9% (Highest Percentage in Tennessee)

### Infant Death Rate (per 1,000)

State Rate:	8.0
Haywood County:	18.0 (2nd in West Tennessee; 4th in Tennessee)
Crockett County:	21.7 (1st in West Tennessee; 2nd in Tennessee)
Shelby County:	12.3 (4th in West Tennessee; 10th in Tennessee)

### Percent of Youth on TennCare

State Rate:	41.5%
Crockett County:	48.4%
Gibson County:	50.4%
Shelby County:	51.5%
Haywood County:	56% (2nd Highest in West Tennessee)

### Rate of Teens with STDs (age 15-17; per 1,000)

State Rate:	21.2
Shelby County:	57.3 (Highest Rate in Tennessee)

### Program Sites

The MRCHP visits Crockett County Middle and High School, Bells Elementary School (Crockett County), Haywood County High School, Washington Douglas Headstart (Madison County), Gibson County School District, and Memphis Academy of Health Sciences (Shelby County).

## PROGRAM FACTS

### Home Institution/Affiliation:

LeBonheur Children's Hospital

### Year Established:

August 2008

### STAFF

#### Medical Director

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### Available Services

- Comprehensive medical care;
- Case management and referrals for community and social services;
- Early childhood screenings and developmental testing;
- Management of acute and chronic illnesses;
- Well-woman exams and referrals;
- Mental health and behavioral screenings;
- Nutrition assessment, cholesterol screening and body weight monitoring; Screenings for lead, cholesterol, iron, BMI, peak flow, vision, and hearing;
- HIV/STD testing and counseling;
- Substance abuse assessment and referrals; and
- Health education.



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