



Children's Health Fund

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DALLAS Children's Health Project

The Dallas Children's Health Project (DCHP), provides comprehensive medical care to children and adolescents in two groups: homeless and school-based.



Children and families in Dallas face numerous barriers to health care such as poverty, lack of insurance and inadequate transportation, all of which are compounded by language and cultural barriers, as many of these families are of Hispanic origin. Specific issues faced by the children and

adolescents served by DCHP include significant levels of developmental delay or school failure; poor reading levels; family dysfunction such as domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, and mental illness; nutritional problems such as anemia and obesity; and minor acute illnesses. Mental health and dental services are particularly difficult for Spanish speakers to access.

Serving Communities in Need

Of the individuals served by the DCHP in 2018, 55% were Hispanic/Latino, 30% were African American (non-Hispanic), 11% were white (non-Hispanic), and 4% were another or more than one race (non-Hispanic).

Available Services

- Comprehensive well-child checkups, which include dental and mental health/behavioral health conditions
- Management of acute and chronic illnesses
- Family planning services, including STD screening and treatment
- Nutrition assessment and counseling
- Health education
- Case management
- Substance abuse counseling
- Referrals to subspecialty care and social services

Program Sites

The DCHP serves patients at various sites throughout Dallas; site visits occur on a regular basis, ranging from biweekly to monthly. The Project's homeless patients receive services on mobile medical clinics that visit the following locations: Anne Moody Place, Family Gateway, Family Place, Dallas Life Foundation, Genesis House, Jonathan's Place, Letot, Mosaic, Nexus, Vogel Alcove Childcare Center, Promise House, Incarnation House, and Salvation Army. The program also has 12 school-based clinics in Dallas County.

PROGRAM FACTS

Home Institution/Affiliation:

Parkland Health & Hospital System

Year Established:

April 1991

Electronic Health Records Implemented: 2002

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