



Children's Health Fund

# National Programs

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

## PROGRAM FACTS

The Children's Health Project of D.C. (CHPDC) addresses the need for healthcare in underserved communities in Washington, DC and Prince George's County, Maryland. In the particular regions of DC (Wards 5, 6, 7 and 8) and Prince George's County 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 and morbidity, teenage pregnancy, low birth weights, prenatal exposure to drugs and alcohol, sexually-transmitted infections and child abuse and neglect. The CHPDC provides comprehensive primary care at schools and community sites situated near public housing. To address the increasingly unmet dental needs of its patients, the program provides full dental services via a mobile dental unit.



In 2018, services expanded to a new fixed site clinic at the Children's Health Center at the Town Hall Education Arts Recreation Campus (THEARC) in the Anacostia region of Southeast D.C. The expansion has allowed for increased access to: primary care, specialty care, psychology services, asthma care, and obesity management. 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 CHPDC provides an additional array of wrap-around services delivered by the child development team.

The child development team consists of a program manager for family services, patient liaison, and family services associate that work to ensure that the psychosocial needs are addressed and integrated into the clinical plan. In addition, free legal representation in areas of kinship care, tenants' rights and public benefits is offered through a medical-legal partnership with the Children's Law Center.

### Serving Communities in Need

CHPDC targets medically underserved children ages 0-22 years. Approximately 97% of patients are African American, and 85% have Medicaid.

### Available Services

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

### Program Sites

In addition to serving patients at the fixed-site clinic at THEARC, the mobile clinic visits the Atlantic Terrace and Fort DuPont neighborhoods in Southeast, D.C., and has partnered with Prince George's County to staff their school-based wellness centers at Bladensburg High School, Fairmount Heights, Northwestern High School, and Oxon Hill High School.

**Home Institution/Affiliation:**  
Children's National Health System

**Year Established:**  
September 1992

**Electronic Health Records Implemented:** 2001

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