Children’s Medical Services (CMS)

Children’s Medical Services is a Georgia Department of Public Health program that works with health care providers and community partners to make sure children and youth with chronic medical conditions can access affordable health care services.

What does Children’s Medical Services do for eligible children and families?

- Promote healthy growth and development
- Help prevent further complications related to chronic medical conditions
- Provide comprehensive care coordination

Who is eligible for CMS?

Children and adolescents, ages 0-21 years who:

- Live in Georgia
- Have an eligible medical condition
- Meet income eligibility

Services available:

Working with a child’s primary medical provider, CMS may provide or help arrange:

- Medical/diagnostic testing
- Specialty medical care, treatment, medication, and supplies
- Referral to other community resources

For more information, visit our website dph.georgia.gov/CMS or contact Clayton County Board of Health Children’s Medical Services program at 678-610-7199.
Family Tips

Everyone can practice food safety during the holidays

Food Safety Tips:
* Wash your hands:
  - before eating or drinking
  - before, during and after preparing food
  - after touching raw meat, raw eggs, or unwashed vegetables
* Cook food thoroughly, store food at safe temperatures
* Use pasteurized eggs for dishes containing raw eggs
* Do not eat dough or batter
* Safely thaw your turkey

For more information, visit https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety

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For more information visit: https://www.cdc.gov/features/prevent-bullying/index.html

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One in 10 Americans have diabetes — that’s more than 30 million people. And another 84 million adults in the United States are at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

The good news? People who are at high risk for type 2 diabetes can lower their risk by more than half if they make healthy changes. These changes include: eating healthy, getting more physical activity, and losing weight.

Community Resource Highlight

United Way of Greater Atlanta ...Learning Spaces.

What is Learning Spaces? It’s an early learning initiative designed for caregivers, childcare providers and children birth to five years old. Through collaboration with local libraries and early childhood professionals, it has been developed to be a preschool program in non-traditional spaces.

The program raises awareness about the role of child’s first teacher and provides meaningful engagement with caregivers. Learning Spaces promotes school readiness through social interaction and developmentally appropriate play in a safe and nurturing environment.

For more information, contact learningspaces@unitedwayatlanta.org or visit unitedwayatlanta.org/program/learning-spaces

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