

**WEST CENTRAL
HEALTH DISTRICT
16 County Service Area**



Columbus CMS Office:

Chattahoochee, Clay, Harris,
Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph,
Stewart, and Talbot

Cordele CMS Office:

Crisp, Dooly, Macon, Marion,
Schley, Sumter, Taylor, and
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***Patients must be a Georgia
resident to receive services.***



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**EARLY INTERVENTION/
BABIES CAN'T WAIT**

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***Children & Youth
with
Special Needs***



Children 1st

**Babies
Can't Wait**

**Children's
Medical
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CHILDREN 1st

Is the Point of Entry to health and development programs for at risk children in Georgia.

Birth to Five Years Old



What Is Children 1st?

Children 1st was created by the State of Georgia to improve the health of children from birth through 5 years of age. Children 1st works with local hospitals, physicians, healthcare providers, schools, community-based organizations, and other agencies to identify children who are at-risk for poor health and developmental outcomes.

Children 1st identifies and screens children to determine their eligibility for or link children to programs such as:

- Babies Can't Wait
- Children's Medical Services
- Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI)
- 1st Care
- Georgia Newborn Screening Program
- Food Supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC)

Why is Children 1st Important?

- Children develop rapidly during the early years of life. Early nurturing, good health, and stimulating experiences promote healthy development and performance in school.
- The overall goal of Children 1st is to have Georgia's children healthy and prepared to enter school at age 5.

How can Children's 1st Help My Child?

- Children 1st provides in home or clinic visits at no cost to the family.
- Children 1st performs professional assessments and links the family to resources in the community.

BABIES CAN'T WAIT

Is Georgia's Early Intervention Program for infants and toddlers who are at risk for a developmental delay due to a diagnosed physical or mental condition.

Birth to Three Years Old



Babies Can't Wait (BCW) is a program that provides and coordinates services for children who have disabilities or who have significant developmental delays.

BCW provides evaluation and assessment at no cost to families, to determine eligibility and scope of services needed. BCW also provides service coordination at no cost to families to assist them in accessing services.

Eligibility

Any child who meets one of the following criteria:

- Has a diagnosed physical or mental condition which is known to result in a developmental delay, such as blindness, Down syndrome, or Spina Bifida; or
- Has a significant developmental delay identified by BCW's qualified team of professionals.

Services Provided include:

- Assistive Technology
- Audiology
- Family Training and Counseling
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Special Instruction
- Social Work Services
- Psychological Services
- Nursing Services
- Nutrition Services
- Vision Services
- Transportation to Services

CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS)

Provides, coordinates, and/or pays for specialized medical treatment for children and adolescents with a diagnosis of one or more eligible chronic medical conditions.

Birth to 21 Years

Eligibility is based on:

- Diagnosis of an eligible medical condition(s)
- Annual Family Income



Services that may be provided:

- Medical & Diagnostic testing
- Specialty medical care, treatment, medications & supplies
- Durable (i.e., wheelchairs and braces) and disposable medical equipment
- Care Coordination
- CMS Specialty Outpatient Clinics

Some Eligible Medical Conditions:

- Burns – acute care and reconstructive surgery
- Cardiac Conditions
- Chronic Lung Disease
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Diabetes Mellitus
- Gastrointestinal Disorders
- Hearing Disorders
- Neurological and neurosurgical disorders, such as epilepsy, spina bifida, and hydrocephalus
- Orthopedic and/or neuromuscular disorders such as cerebral palsy, scoliosis, and amputations
- Visual disorders such as cataracts, glaucoma and strabismus

Participation is voluntary in all programs and parents may withdraw at anytime.