

**Upson County Health Department
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Programs now taking place in the Upson County Health Department are listed below.

CHILDREN FIRST

Providing a system of identification, linking, monitoring, access to primary health care and service coordination for children 0-5 years of age who are at risk for poor health and/or development.

HIGH RISK INFANT FOLLOW UP

Nursing assessment, intervention, and follow up for families with infants 0-1 years old who are identified as at risk for adverse medical & developmental outcomes.

“BABIES CAN’T WAIT”

Providing evaluations and early intervention services to support families with children who have significant developmental delays, ages 0-3. The goal is to maximize each child’s developmental potential and participate at home, daycare, or in other community settings.

CHILDREN’S MEDICAL SERVICES

Providing treatment and services to children with special health care needs, also helping them to attain/maintain their optimum level of health and functioning. Children age birth to twenty-one years.

HEALTH CHECKS

A comprehensive physical exam for children, which includes developmental and nutritional assessment. Screening for lead, vision, hearing, and dental are a vital part of this clinic. This program is intended for children birth to 21 years of age, which are Medicaid/Non-Medicaid recipients.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Routine childhood and adolescent vaccines are available as an ongoing service.

TRAVEL AND ADULT IMMUNIZATIONS

Travel vaccines are provided for anyone traveling outside the United States. CDC guidelines are used to recommend and/or provide any vaccine needed to travel outside the U.S.

Adult vaccinations are available too, including but not limited to: Zostavax (shingles), Hepatitis A/B, Tdap (tetanus booster), HPV (Gardasil), Flu, Pneumonia, etc.

HEARING, VISION AND DENTAL SCREENING

Provides Hearing Vision and Dental screening for children entering Georgia schools for the first time.

WOMEN'S/MEN'S HEALTH

Providing women a physical exam including cancer screening (Pap Smear, breast, & colorectal exams). Men and women are provided screening for communicable and sexually transmitted diseases, education, & counseling on healthy lifestyle choices and birth control options. Proof of income is required to be eligible for a discount.

COLPOSCOPY:

Provides Cervical screening and biopsy for women with abnormal pap smear results. We are also able to accept clients from other GYN offices by referral for this service.

BREAST & CERVICAL CANCER PROGRAM

Providing education, screening, and follow-up services to low income or uninsured women with focus on those at highest risk (40-64 years of age). Also assisting with access to diagnostic testing and treatment when needed.

BABIES BORN HEALTHY

Assisting low income, uninsured, and under-insured pregnant women to gain access to comprehensive and culturally sensitive prenatal care. Must be a GA resident and ineligible for other programs such as Medicaid to participate.

PERINATAL CASE MANAGEMENT

Assisting pregnant Medicaid eligible women to gain access to comprehensive medical, nutritional, social, and educational services throughout their pregnancy.

HIV SCREENING AND REFERRAL

Providing confidential screening, HIV counseling, and testing with referral to the District HIV Primary Care Clinic for clients with HIV positive testing. Other services include confidential partner notification and disease surveillance.

WOMEN'S HEALTH MEDICAID/CASE MANAGEMENT

Women who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer that are uninsured may be eligible. Eligibility is to provide case management(coordination of care) and provide Medicaid insurance to assist with treatment.

NUTRITION SERVICES

Registered and licensed dietitians provide medical nutrition therapy to clients of all ages. Referrals from public health or local physicians are accepted. Services are billed through Medicaid and Medicare for eligible clients.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Available upon request to interested persons, organizations and agencies. Focus on prevention and education in various health topics.

VITAL RECORDS

Maintaining records of all births and deaths. Assisting in the filing and issuance of any such certificates, amending of birth and death certificates, filing delayed birth certificates, issue burial permits to funeral homes, legitimation and paternity acknowledgments.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE/EPIDEMIOLOGY

Taking responsibility for over 45 diseases and conditions that are reportable by law. The Sexually Transmitted Infections and the Tuberculosis Program comprise the largest part of our work. Disease Specialists provide services related to the prevention and control of various diseases. Surveillance of these diseases and conditions identifies situations that may require immediate public health action.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Providing plan review, permitting, and evaluations of Food Service establishments, on-site sewage management systems, tourist courts, and public swimming pools. Responding to environmental related complaints. Participating in Rabies Control. Permitting water well sites and conducting private water well sampling. Inspecting shelters for victims of disasters and assisting with emergency response to natural disasters.