



Children'sSM
Healthcare of Atlanta

**DOING
EVERYTHING
POSSIBLE TO
MAKE ANYTHING
POSSIBLE**

CHILDREN'S IMPACT AND REACH



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



When a child gets sick or injured, the world tilts in an instant. For families, those moments are filled with fear, panic and a lot of uncertainty. And in those moments, it matters where a family turns for care.

Parents trust us with the lives of their precious children, so we are committed to providing the best care possible for all kids. At Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, we care for babies who weigh less than a pound up to teens heading off to college. It takes doctors, nurses and caregivers who understand their unique needs—anesthesia dosed just right for kids, fracture repair that adapts to growing bones, the skill to operate on hearts the size of small strawberries—to get the best outcomes.

Today, there are about 6,000 adult hospitals in the U.S. and only 29 freestanding pediatric hospitals. Children's is the only independent pediatric healthcare system in Georgia. We are also one of the top-ranked pediatric healthcare systems in the nation. Many people don't realize how lucky we are in Georgia to have access to hospitals where employees, equipment, halls and rooms are entirely dedicated to kids.

In my 40 years at Children's, I have been honored to see how significant milestones in Children's history translate into significant milestones for our families. Our growth into a unified System with multiple locations serving the entire state is a testament to our promise that, no matter how great the challenge, Children's will continue to evolve to meet the healthcare needs of our growing community. Every milestone reached has been grounded in our shared commitment to our mission to make kids better today and healthier tomorrow. This includes taking care of not only kids' bodies, but also their minds, which is now more important than ever. There is nothing more rewarding than meeting a family who shares stories of the life-changing impact of our work.

As I prepare to retire, reviewing this report is particularly special to me this year. It's been the honor of a lifetime to serve Georgia's kids, and in these pages, you'll see how we're working at every level to pursue a world where every child has the resources, support and champions they need to grow and develop to their full potential.

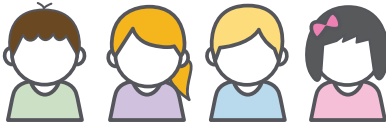
Sincerely,

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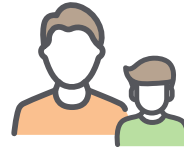
Donna Hyland
CEO, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

WHO WE ARE

One of the largest pediatric clinical care providers in the country



1,278,800+
patient visits



Nearly
450,000
unique patients

Approximately **one out of every six kids** in Georgia came to Children's in 2025.

We are **No. 1** in the nation for pediatric **emergency department** visits
and **No. 2** in the nation for pediatric **surgical procedures**.



237,700+
Emergency
Department visits



46,300+
surgical procedures
(inpatient and
outpatient)



165,500+
Urgent Care Center
visits



1,241,900+
outpatient
visits



Access to
1,200
pediatric physicians



Georgia's only Level I Pediatric Trauma Center

We are here for the most acute and severely injured patients, caring for more kids than the ten busiest adult health systems in Georgia combined.



We performed the **highest number of transplants in the Southeast** and fourth highest volume in the nation.

25 kidney transplants

22 liver transplants

10 heart transplants

Since 1980, we have performed close to
2,000 solid organ transplants.

Georgia's kids are our only focus

Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center



One of the largest pediatric cancer centers and the largest sickle cell disease program in the nation

Our Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center is working hard to find treatments that continue to change the lives of our patients.

10,100+ unique patients
500+ new patents treated

Orthopedics and Sports Medicine Center



More pediatric orthopedic surgeries and more spine surgeries than any other children's hospital in the U.S.

Nearly **61,300** unique patients
6,100+ pediatric orthopedic surgeries,
including **400+** spinal fusions

Heart Center



Only nationally ranked pediatric cardiology and cardiac surgery program in the state

We treat more babies, kids and teens with heart conditions than anyone else in Georgia.

38,400+ unique patients
900+ heart surgeries

Neurosciences Center



One of the largest neurology programs in the nation and the **largest neuropsychology provider**.

27,400+ unique patients
1,400+ neurosurgeries






Caring for all of Georgia's kids

For more than a century, parents and caregivers have trusted us with what matters most: the health and well-being of their children. Children's is the No. 1 pediatric hospital in Georgia—the only one ranked by U.S. News & World Report in 10 specialties, with eight specialties in the top 20 and one specialty in the top 10. Our providers have expertise that spans more than 60 specialties and programs, and each one has been trained specifically to treat infants, kids and teens.

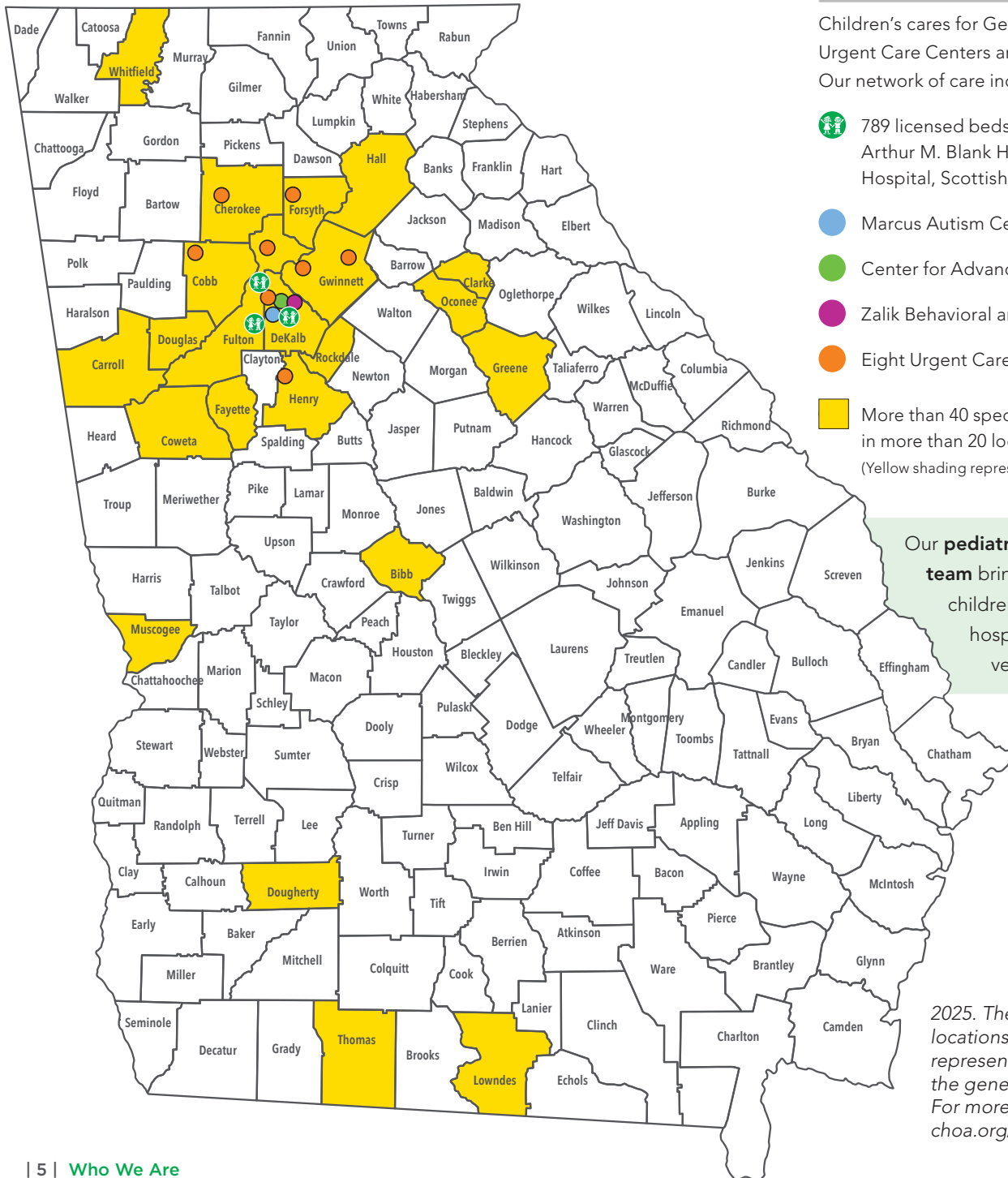
That kind of dedication to Georgia's kids can be found only at Children's.

Our care delivery infrastructure

Children's cares for Georgia's kids at hospitals, Urgent Care Centers and clinics across the state. Our network of care includes:

-  789 licensed beds at three hospitals: Arthur M. Blank Hospital, Hughes Spalding Hospital, Scottish Rite Hospital
-  Marcus Autism Center
-  Center for Advanced Pediatrics
-  Zalik Behavioral and Mental Health Center
-  Eight Urgent Care Centers
-  More than 40 specialty care clinics, anchored in more than 20 locations across the state (Yellow shading represents county of these locations.)

Our **pediatric-trained transport team** brings critically ill infants, children and teens to our hospitals by emergency vehicle or helicopter.



2025. The Specialty Care locations on the map may represent multiple clinics within the general geographic area. For more information, visit choa.org/locations.



OUR IMPACT AND REACH

Care that families can count on

Children's serves all of Georgia's kids. To meet the pediatric healthcare needs of our state, we continue to grow our services so that kids from all 159 Georgia counties have access to comprehensive pediatric care.

We are committed to meeting the healthcare needs of Georgia's kids today—and for generations to come. That's why we're working at every level to stay one step ahead, extending our reach, expanding our capabilities and accelerating our research efforts to improve outcomes at home and beyond.

Children's cares for more kids than any other hospital system or individual facility in Georgia.

Providing care to all kids

Regardless of a family's ability to pay, we work to help make our services and care available to all kids. In 2024, we provided \$362.5 million in unreimbursed care to patients whose families could not cover the costs of their care. Patients who received this care include the uninsured and children covered by Medicaid or PeachCare for Kids. Approximately **55% of our patients** are on Medicaid, PeachCare for Kids or unable to cover the full cost of their care.

We tailor our care to meet the unique needs of each individual patient, regardless of socioeconomic status, ethnicity or gender. Looking beyond just physical needs, we recognize the importance of cultural sensitivity in healthcare, which requires understanding and respect for patients' cultural beliefs, practices and languages.



Better understanding our community's needs

In order to better understand the needs of the pediatric healthcare community, we conducted our fifth Community Health Needs Assessment, which informs our community benefit activities and our strategic planning efforts.



Scan or click to go to the full Community Health Needs Assessment.

Our Community Benefit

Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta provided **\$520,914,371** to the community through benefits to our patients, their families and the public. Approximately 21% of Children’s operating expenses support benefits to the community through services and programs in the following seven areas:

TOTAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT

\$520,914,371



\$362,472,632

Unreimbursed clinical care

to cover the cost of medical care services provided to patients on Medicaid, PeachCare for Kids or unable to cover the full cost of their care.



\$61,514,673

Subsidized health services

to promote quality care for children of all ages.



\$47,857,804

Lifesaving research

to advance pediatric medicine.



\$22,483,123

Specialty pediatric services

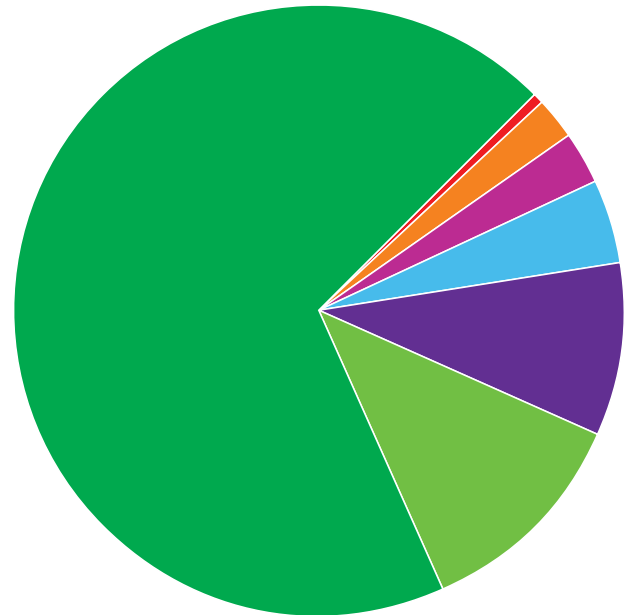
to create healing environments specially designed for kids.



\$11,552,155

Wellness and community impact

to impact the health and wellness of children outside of our walls.



\$14,487,153

Physician and provider training programs

to train the next generation of caregivers.



\$546,831

Cash and in-kind donations

to our community.



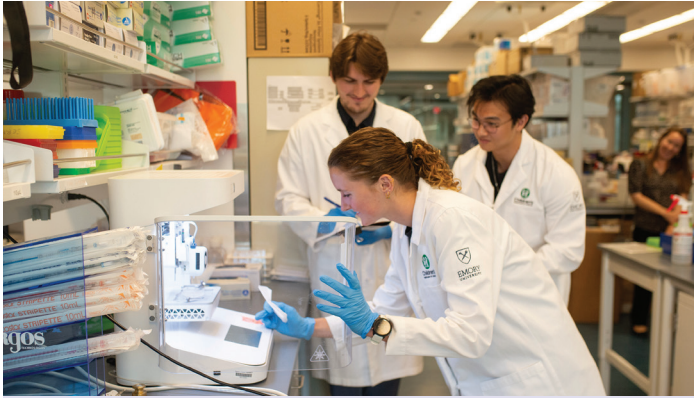
Scan or click to go to the full Community Benefit Report.

Published in December 2025. Reflects community benefit filed in IRS Form 990 for year ending Dec. 31, 2024.

¹ Comparison based on local Georgia hospitals, as well as on pediatric peer institutions in the CHA survey who are part of the top revenue quartile and are AA rated.

Addressing the needs of Georgia's kids

With a singular focus on kids, we are dedicated to having a positive and lasting impact on both the physical and emotional well-being of every child in Georgia. We are impacting the health of kids in ways that reach far beyond our hospital walls, as we realize that we can help kids grow healthier by improving critical factors that affect their daily lives. To foster sustainable initiatives and programs across our state, Children's has made the conscious decision to invest in the following mission-funded endeavors.



Research and Teaching

Children's is transforming pediatric care through training, scientific discovery and innovation, pushing boundaries to drive clinical breakthroughs for kids now and for years to come.



Behavioral and Mental Health

Children's is advancing mental health outcomes for kids and teens in Georgia and establishing a model for behavioral and mental health care that can be the standard nationwide.



Child Advocacy

Children's is enhancing child health and wellness outcomes through awareness, prevention and education efforts.



Rural Health

Children's is tireless in our commitment to ensure that every child in Georgia has access to quality pediatric care close to home, no matter where they live.

Research and Teaching

Children's pediatric research studies are conducted by our physicians, scientists, and a mix of other clinical practitioners and academics, through collaborations with Emory University School of Medicine, Georgia Institute of Technology and Morehouse School of Medicine. Many of our physicians practice medicine at the bedside while also investigating potential treatments in the lab through clinical trials and research studies. Because of this, Children's is well positioned to discover tomorrow's cures today.

A leading partnership with Emory

For the past 10 years, we've ranked in the top five in National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding through our research partner, the **Emory University School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics**.

Empowering care through technology with Georgia Tech

Children's and Georgia Institute of Technology have collaborated to improve the health and care of young people. The Children's Healthcare of Atlanta **Pediatric Technology Center** brings together clinical experts from Children's with Georgia Tech scientists and engineers to develop solutions to problems in pediatric healthcare.

Training the pediatricians of tomorrow

We are the primary pediatric teaching site for Emory University School of Medicine and Morehouse School of Medicine. Every year we train more than **770 residents and fellows**, and more than half of graduating residents stay in Georgia to practice.

Scan or click to
read the Children's
2025 Research Report



We work with the following institutions to develop cutting-edge treatments and technologies, and to help train future pediatric providers:



EMORY
UNIVERSITY



Georgia
Tech.



Behavioral and Mental Health

At Children's, we know that behavioral and mental health are key to a child's overall well-being. And we're committed to addressing the growing demand for services to manage these increasingly common concerns impacting children today.

- **Largest provider of emergency evaluation and triage** for youth in behavioral crisis in metro Atlanta, seeing more than 6,000 children annually
- **Largest child and adolescent psychiatry team** in Georgia

We have **reduced by nearly half** the return rate for children who visited our **Emergency Departments** experiencing a behavioral crisis.¹

Changing the trajectory of youth mental health

Led by Georgia's largest child and adolescent psychiatry team, we are changing the trajectory of the youth mental health crisis by partnering with our community to build a network of sustainable care and by helping ensure that kids have access to a **continuum of care**—prevention, intervention, crisis care and ongoing recovery service—that is unbiased, comprehensive and evidence-based. Children's is advancing mental health outcomes for kids and teens in Georgia and our groundbreaking work is creating a national model for behavioral and mental health care in the U.S.

Zalik Behavioral and Mental Health Center

Established in 2023, the Zalik Behavioral and Mental Health Center provides a balance of prevention and outpatient treatment services, as well as crisis recovery services. Here, Children's providers and community partners come together to deliver evidence-based care to kids, advancing a statewide ecosystem for the support and protection of kids' healthy mind and brain development.

Early intervention

We have increased our ability to respond to the needs of identified patients by providing evaluations, treatment planning and medication management through our early behavioral and relational health clinic within the primary care practice at Hughes Spalding Hospital.



¹ Children receiving comprehensive mental health care in our outpatient program—including those recovering from a suicidal crisis—experience a 40% to 50% decrease in visits to emergency departments for recurrent behavioral crises (90-day follow-up data).

Child Advocacy

Children's is committed to making kids better today and healthier tomorrow. One of the many ways we deliver on this promise is through our prevention work. We help families, schools, pediatricians, clinicians and youth-serving organizations raise healthy, safe, resilient kids. From promoting healthy habits and preventing injury to fostering emotional wellness, we are actively enhancing child health and wellness outcomes through awareness, prevention and education efforts. Through our efforts and partnerships, we are creating an environment where kids can thrive.

Preventing injuries

Injuries are often preventable tragedies and are the leading cause of death in kids in Georgia, and no one in Georgia is doing as much as we are to change that. Through advocacy and awareness campaigns, Children's is working to equip families with the information they need to keep their children safe. Working closely with Children's physicians, Strong4Life focuses on four key injury prevention pillars: **water safety**, **child passenger safety**, **firearm safe storage** and **safe sleep**.

Protecting Georgia's kids

As part of our commitment to the safety, protection and well-being of kids, Strong4Life works with the Center for Safe and Healthy Children to offer education and training to healthcare professionals, educators, parents and others to identify, assess and prevent child abuse. An important focus of these trainings, particularly with teens and kids, has been **digital safety**.

Addressing childhood obesity

Childhood obesity remains a significant health challenge in the U.S., and Children's has taken a proactive role in addressing this epidemic. Our team of registered dietitians and exercise physiologists supports pediatricians, schools, early care centers and other youth-serving organizations by offering a variety of obesity prevention resources, including programs and trainings focused on **building healthy habits** in children.

Supporting Resilience

We're giving caregivers tips and tools to proactively **build resilience in kids**—all from our Strong4Life behavioral and mental health experts. The goal: to prepare kids to cope with challenges and manage stress, make healthy choices, and ultimately teach them to be resilient in the face of life's ups and downs.

Impact by the Numbers

In 2025, our programs reached:

- Nearly **807,000** children
- **1,000+** schools and early childhood education centers
- **600+** clinicians and nearly **19,000** caregivers



Hughes Spalding Hospital is distributing tools to educate families on safe sleep, including sleep sacks and door hangers with useful reminders.

Fit Together

Fit Together is a family-centered intensive health behavior and lifestyle treatment program to prevent long-term weight issues and chronic disease. This wellness program teaches children and their families about healthy habits through fun activities.

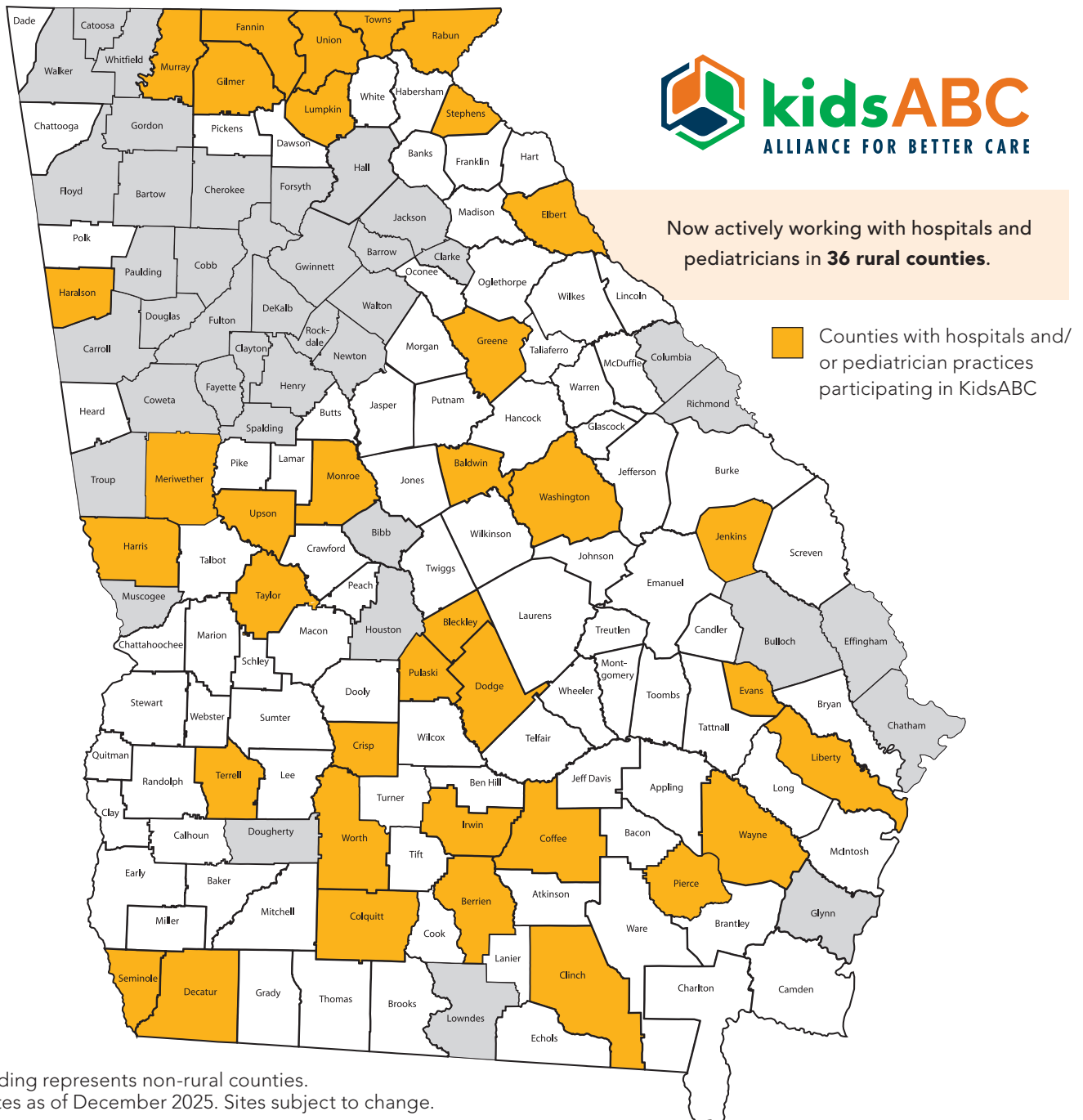


Rural Health

Addressing barriers to care in rural Georgia

Extending the reach of pediatric specialty care is complex. In Georgia, more than half of rural counties don't have a pediatrician, and the existing hospitals and pediatricians face unique challenges that we are tackling head on. We are working with local institutions to break down barriers to care and improve access to pediatric services for all Georgia families—no matter which county they call home.

Children's is supporting **Mercer University School of Medicine (MUSM)** and the **Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center (GRHIC)** as they continue to establish programs with rural hospitals and pediatricians with the aim of improving access to pediatric care closer to home. MUSM, GRHIC and Children's formed the **Kids Alliance for Better Care (KidsABC)**, which provides avenues of support for Georgia's rural hospitals, school districts, pediatricians and rural family practitioners to keep care for kids close to home.



Strengthening pediatrics statewide

Boosting competencies in rural hospitals

Rural hospitals currently face a challenge in their ability to treat and keep pediatric patients in their communities. Through KidsABC, participating hospitals receive the training and support needed to better respond to pediatric patients in their emergency departments.

Supporting rural pediatricians

Rural pediatricians often feel isolated with little access to subspecialty support and regular clinical updates. This initiative provides support and offers provider training.

Supporting behavioral and mental health in rural areas

Behavioral and mental health support continues to be identified as an urgent need across the country, with a specific need to create access points for rural providers and schools to connect to mental health professionals. MUSM and Children's work with schools, pediatricians and hospitals to develop a comprehensive approach to pediatric mental health.

Providing a direct line to Children's

Children's provides a direct line for rural providers participating in KidsABC to seek consultative support from Children's pediatric specialists.

Funding scholarships for pediatric caregivers

Given the identified need for more pediatricians throughout Georgia, Children's has committed to funding scholarships through a program at MUSM for medical students specializing in pediatrics who commit to serving in rural Georgia for at least four years after residency.

- To date, Children's has funded a total of **27 full-tuition scholarships** for medical students.

Marriage and Family Therapy

In 2024, Children's and MUSM established the Marriage and Family Therapy Scholarship Program for scholars who have a strong commitment to becoming marriage and family therapists and serving in rural, medically underserved areas of Georgia. Upon completion of their education, scholars will be required to work full time for two continuous years in an approved rural Georgia county, and to serve the surrounding areas in need.

- To date, this program has funded **10 scholarships**. Four of these scholarship recipients are already serving rural communities, as of January 2026.

Pediatricians in local communities

Starting in 2026, the first pediatric scholars will have completed their medical training and will begin caring for kids in rural communities. This includes two graduates from the inaugural cohort of scholarship recipients who graduated from MUSM in 2023:

- Dr. Jonathan Edgy
- Dr. Nelliena Young

A scholar's journey to practicing in rural Georgia

Dr. Nelliena Young

Raised in Albany, Ga., Nelliena aspired to practice pediatrics from a young age. Upon graduating from MUSM, she completed her pediatric residency at Morehouse School of Medicine and rotated at our three Children's hospitals: Arthur M. Blank Hospital, Hughes Spalding and Scottish Rite.



Scan or click to learn more about her journey.





5 Things To Know About Children's

1. Georgia is home to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, one of the top pediatric healthcare systems in the nation.
2. Children's is much more than a hospital, it is a System of multiple locations serving the entire state.
3. Children's is known for taking care of kids' bodies, but they take care of kids' minds too.
4. Of the more than 3,000 kids that visit Children's each day, more than half of them need financial assistance.
5. It costs \$7.5 million a day to run Children's. And this can't be done without serious community and government support.



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