

## 1st Care Services



- 1st Care services are offered in select Georgia Counties

- 1st Care services are designed to assist families with premature or low birth weight infants

- 1st Care nurses provide in-home assessments and education to families after the infant is discharged from the hospital

Contact your local health department to find out if 1st Care services are available in your area



For more information  
or to make a referral to Children 1st,  
call your local health department or call  
1-855-707-8277

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# Let's Work Together To Put Children First



## What is Children 1st ?

Children 1st collaborates with local hospitals, physicians and other 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
- Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention
- Georgia Newborn Screening Program
- 1st Care
- Food supplements through the Women, Infants, & 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.

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

With the screening and professional assessments, more 5 year old children enter school with their health care needs met.

The overall goal of Children 1st is to have Georgia's children healthy and prepared to enter school at age 5.

## How can Children 1st help my child?



Children 1st was created by the state of Georgia in an effort to improve the health of children from birth through 5 years of age.

Every child deserves the chance to be as healthy as possible. Like you, we want to be sure your child grows to be the best he or she can possibly be.