

# About Us



## Cobb & Douglas Public Health Strategy Map

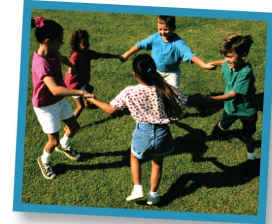
### Mission

Cobb & Douglas Public Health, with our partners, promotes and protects the health and safety of the residents of Cobb and Douglas counties.



### Vision

By 2014, Cobb & Douglas Public Health will be an acknowledged leader among health departments in the southeastern United States.



## DOUGLAS HEALTH FUTURES FOUNDATION, INC.

### WHY SUPPORT DOUGLAS PUBLIC HEALTH?

Today, Douglas Public Health operates over 35 different programs, many of them receiving little or no public funding. Our clients—especially the children—are the ones who suffer most as we continue to face cuts to some of our most important services. Below are just a few of our programs in need of private support:

**Babies Born Healthy:** Saves the lives of women and infants by providing under- and uninsured pregnant women with early prenatal care to help reduce infant mortality.

**Children 1<sup>st</sup>:** Improves children's well-being and chances for success in school by identifying their medical and developmental issues and linking them to the necessary services.

**Adolescent Health & Youth Development:** Helps keep teens out of trouble by providing health and youth development opportunities designed to reduce risky behaviors.

**Injury Prevention/Safe Kids:** Reduces children's accidents by providing car seat inspections along with education on poison prevention, pedestrian and bicycle safety, and home and water safety.

**Breast & Cervical Cancer Prevention:** Saves women's lives by providing access to breast and cervical cancer screenings and diagnostics for low-income, uninsured, and underserved women.

### HOW TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAMS OF DOUGLAS PUBLIC HEALTH

Contributions can be accepted directly by Douglas Public Health or through the Douglas Health Futures Foundation, our 501(c)3 development affiliate that allows individuals, corporations, and foundations to contribute tax deductible gifts to support our public health programming. For more information, contact Jan Heidrich-Rice in our Development Department at (770) 514-2325 or [jrhrice@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:jrhrice@dhr.state.ga.us).

### ABOUT OUR FOUNDATION

The **Douglas Health Futures Foundation, Inc.** is a 501(c)3 philanthropic arm of public health in Douglas County. Incorporated in 1994, the foundation's purpose is to support the mission it shares with Douglas Public Health, which is, with our partners, to promote and protect the health and safety of the residents of our county.

## COBB & DOUGLAS PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

| Programs & Services                                     | Description   | Contact Information  |
|---|---|--|
| <b>Adolescent Health &amp; Youth Development (AHYD)</b> | Provides health & sexuality education and positive youth development opportunities designed to reduce risky behaviors among adolescents 10-19 years of age through education, health services and community partnerships.   | Agnes F. Brown<br>Director, AHYD<br>(678) 385-1371<br>(678) 385-1376 (fax)<br>afbrown@dhr.state.ga.us  |
| <b>Babies Born Healthy</b>                              | Offers prenatal services at a discount through participating obstetric offices to help reduce infant mortality; also may offer some financial assistance towards this care.   | Rose Bishop, RN, PHN<br>Supervisor, Family Support Pregnancy Services<br>(770) 514-2376<br>(678) 354-0751 (fax)<br>robishop@dhr.state.ga.us                    |
| <b>Body Arts</b>  | Develops and enforces safety standards for tattoo parlors.  | Robert Gore<br>County Manager, Environmental Health<br>(770) 920-7314<br>(770) 920-7317 (fax)<br>rfgore@dhr.state.ga.us  |
| <b>Breast &amp; Cervical Cancer Prevention</b>          | Provides access to timely breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services for low-income, uninsured, and underserved women.  | Cheri Holden, RN<br>Coordinator, BreasTest & More<br>(770) 514-2321<br>(770) 427-7201 (fax)<br>cjones@dhr.state.ga.us  |
| <b>Child Health</b>                                     | Provides health care services to low-income or uninsured children through health checks, mental assessments, and developmental evaluations. Provides Pediatric Primary Care at key locations.   | Deborah S. Heaton, RN<br>District Director, Child Health, School Health, & Dental Health<br>(770) 514-2339<br>(770) 514-2414 (fax)<br>dsheaton@dhr.state.ga.us |
| <b>Children 1st</b>                                     | Increases access to health care for children, identifies medical/developmental issues in children, and links them to necessary services as soon as identified.  | Beverly Shatteen, RN<br>Douglas County Family Support Supervisor<br>(678) 504-1050<br>(770) 949-0663 (fax)<br>bashatte@dhr.state.ga.us                         |
| <b>Children's Medical Services</b>                      | Helps coordinate a comprehensive system of healthcare for children and youth from birth to twenty-one years of age who have eligible chronic medical conditions, which may include special needs caused by medical, behavioral, developmental, learning or mental health factors. | Carol Vanderplate, RNC<br>Supervisor, CMS<br>(770) 432-0112 x-2121<br>(770)432-1774 (fax)<br>clvanderplate@dhr.state.ga.us                                     |

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| <b>Chronic Disease Prevention</b>              | Implements programs and services aimed at reducing disease risks by targeting unhealthy behaviors, providing access to early detection and treatment, and improving management to reduce the burden of diabetes, obesity, asthma, cardiovascular disease, and tobacco abuse. | Bev Kartheiser<br>Health Educator<br>(770) 949-3139<br>(770) 942-9469 (fax)<br>bgkartheiser@dhr.state.ga.us  |
| <b>Early Intervention - Babies Can't Wait</b>  | Serves as an early intercession system for the families of special-needs infants and toddlers, ages birth to 3 years old.  | Beth Mathison, M.Ed<br>Children and Youth with Special Needs District Director<br>(770) 514-2462<br>(770) 514-2803 (fax)<br>bymathison@dhr.state.ga.us |
| <b>Emergency Preparedness &amp; Response</b>   | Conducts preparedness planning, training, exercising and response to all hazard emergency events which have the potential to affect the entire population.   | Pam Blackwell, RN<br>Director, Emergency Preparedness & Response<br>(770) 514-2330<br>(678) 784-1075 (fax)<br>psblackw@dhr.state.ga.us                 |
| <b>Epidemiology &amp; Disease Surveillance</b> | Follows up on reports of notifiable illnesses in the district; conducts contact investigation and, when appropriate, provides medication to those contacts at risk.  | Joy Wells, MPH<br>Director for Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases<br>(770) 514-2747<br>(770) 514-2313 (fax)<br>joywells@dhr.state.ga.us              |
| <b>Family Planning</b>                         | Provides education and services to help reduce unintended pregnancies, to improve birth outcomes through preconceptional health promotion, and to promote the health of mothers by providing basic reproductive health care to women in need.                                | Patti Duckworth, RN, DNP, APRN, BC<br>Director, Clinical Nursing Services<br>(770) 514-2496<br>(770) 514-2414 (fax)<br>pgduckwo@dhr.state.ga.us        |
| <b>Food Service</b>                            | Enforces local and state food service regulations for over 2,100+ establishments in order to prevent the occurrence of foodborne illnesses and to ensure a standard level of food safety in retail and institutional food facilities.  | Andre Westfield<br>Environmental Health Specialist 4<br>(770) 920-7316<br>(770) 920-7317 (fax)<br>akwestfi@dhr.state.ga.us                             |
| <b>High Risk Infant Follow-Up</b>              | Provides services to infants, birth to age one, who are at increased risk for health and developmental problems due to their medical conditions at birth.  | Kathy Woods, RN<br>Supervisor, Cobb County Family Support<br>(770) 514-2404<br>(678) 354-0751 (fax)<br>kdwoods@dhr.state.ga.us                         |

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| <b>HIV</b>                         | Provides testing and counseling services to persons infected with HIV/AIDS; individuals may be referred to Marietta for other services including primary care, case management, nutrition, AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), adherence counseling, and mental health counseling.  | Joy Wells, MPH<br>Director for Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases<br>(770) 514-2747<br>(770) 514-2313 (fax)<br>joywells@dhr.state.ga.us                               |
| <b>Immunizations</b>               | Works to ensure that children, adolescents, and adults are up to date on their immunizations so that vaccine-preventable diseases are minimized.   | Karen Thomas, RN<br>District Immunization Director<br>(770) 514-2349<br>(770) 428-3855 (fax)<br>kdibling@dhr.state.ga.us  |
| <b>Injury Prevention/Safe Kids</b> | Works to reduce the number of accidental injuries to children ages 14 and under through community partnerships, advocacy, public awareness and education, and the distribution of safety equipment. Safe Kids provides prevention programs in the following risk areas: Car seat inspections and education, pedestrian safety, wheeled sports (bicycle, scooter, skateboard) safety, home safety, poison prevention, and water safety. | Valissa Dixon<br>Safe Kids Douglas County Coordinator<br>Public Health Educator, Injury Prevention<br>(770) 949-5155<br>(770) 942-9469 (fax)<br>vadixon@dhr.state.ga.us |
| <b>International Travel Health</b> | Provides health consultations & vaccines to persons traveling out of the country; provides malaria prophylaxis to persons traveling to areas where risk of acquiring malaria is great.   | Karen Thomas, RN<br>District Immunization Director<br>(770) 514-2349<br>(770) 428-3855 (fax)<br>kdibling@dhr.state.ga.us  |
| <b>Nuisance Complaints</b>         | Investigates and takes action to abate public health nuisances related to on-site sewage management system failure, vector control, sewage leaks, refuse removal, and other potential health threats.  | Robert Gore<br>County Manager, Environmental Health<br>(770) 920-7314<br>(770) 920-7317 (fax)<br>rfgore@dhr.state.ga.us   |
| <b>Nutrition Services</b>          | Licensed and registered clinical dietitians provide individual and group nutritional counseling. Topics may include weight management, food allergies, diabetes, pregnancy-related concerns, heart disease, high cholesterol and high blood pressure.  | Cathy Wendholt-McDade<br>District Health Promotion Director<br>(770) 432-1980<br>(770) 432-1774 (fax)<br>cwmcdade@dhr.state.ga.us                                       |

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| <b>Onsite Sewage Management Systems</b> | Provides ongoing surveillance to ensure proper installation and functioning of onsite sewage management systems, helping more than 50,000 households and businesses effectively treat and dispose of liquid waste.  | Robert Gore<br>County Manager, Environmental Health<br>(770) 920-7314<br>(770) 920-7317 (fax)<br>rfgore@dhr.state.ga.us  |
| <b>Oral Health/Dental</b>               | Provides dental health education in the community; individuals may be referred to Marietta for dental screenings and services for children ages 2 to 20, including composite fillings, sealants, cleanings, fluoride treatments, stainless steel crowns, pulpotomies, and extractions.  | Penny H. Madderra, RDH<br>District Dental Manager<br>(770) 514-2373<br>(770) 514-2363 (fax)<br>pmadderr@dhr.state.ga.us  |
| <b>Perinatal Case Management</b>        | Encourages early prenatal care by reducing the barriers to getting medical care, assisting with the Medicaid process, and providing healthy pregnancy education and community referrals.  | Rose Bishop, RN, PHN<br>Supervisor, Family Support Pregnancy Services<br>(770) 514-2376<br>(678) 354-0751 (fax)<br>robishop@dhr.state.ga.us                    |
| <b>Pharmacy Services</b>                | Provides a large formulary of low cost medications related to our clinical programs, such as Pediatric Primary Care, Family Planning, Sexually Transmitted Infections, HIV and other programs. We also provide Pharmacy services to low income clients of several area medical clinics.   | Jeff McGhee, RPH<br>Pharmacy Director<br>(770) 514-2345<br>(770) 514-2393 (fax)<br>jbmcghee@dhr.state.ga.us  |
| <b>Private Water Systems</b>            | Assures the proper location of wells and encourage the routine testing of well water to prevent the transmission of waterborne diseases to individuals that consume well water.   | Robert Gore<br>County Manager, Environmental Health<br>(770) 920-7314<br>(770) 920-7317 (fax)<br>rfgore@dhr.state.ga.us  |
| <b>Public Swimming Pools</b>            | Enforces a local, comprehensive swimming pool regulation to address the 1,300 public swimming pools that are operated within the health district.   | Andre Westfield<br>Environmental Health Specialist 4<br>(770) 920-7316<br>(770) 920-7317 (fax)<br>akwestfi@dhr.state.ga.us                                     |
| <b>Radon Follow-Up</b>                  | Educates the public concerning health risks associated with radon; provides radon testing and mitigation resources.   | Robert Gore<br>County Manager, Environmental Health<br>(770) 920-7314<br>(770) 920-7317 (fax)<br>rfgore@dhr.state.ga.us  |
| <b>School Health</b>                    | Provide support and guidance to district School Health nurses; Coordinates and conducts scoliosis, hearing, vision & dental screenings and referrals; Provides the first line access of health care available to non-Medicaid or low-income, uninsured children in the Marietta City Schools; connects children to health care resources. | Deborah S. Heaton, RN<br>District Director, Child Health, School Health, & Dental Health<br>(770) 514-2339<br>(770) 514-2414 (fax)<br>dsheaton@dhr.state.ga.us |

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| <b>Sexually Transmitted Disease</b>        | Works to reduce morbidity associated with sexually transmitted infections, thereby preventing STIs and their complications.   | Patti Duckworth, RN, DNP, APRN, BC<br>Director, Clinical Nursing Services<br>(770) 514-2496<br>(770) 514-2414 (fax)<br>pgduckwo@dhr.state.ga.us              |
| <b>TB (Tuberculosis)</b>                   | Identifies and treats persons who have active TB disease; finds, screens, and treats contacts; and screens high-risk populations in an effort to control transmission, prevent illness and ensure treatment of disease due to tuberculosis.   | Phyllistine Gardner<br>District Coordinator, Tuberculosis Clinic<br>(770) 514-2343<br>(770) 514-2801 (fax)<br>pgardner@dhr.state.ga.us                       |
| <b>Tourist Accommodations</b>              | Conducts design and routine inspections for over 130 tourist accommodations operated throughout the district, ensuring that minimum standards regarding construction, maintenance, and operations are met.  | Andre Westfield<br>Environmental Health Specialist 4<br>(770) 920-7316<br>(770) 920-7317 (fax)<br>akwestfi@dhr.state.ga.us                                   |
| <b>Trailer Parks</b>                       | Assures a standard level of park safety and sanitation through routine inspections and enforcement actions related to garbage disposal, rodent harborage, sewage leaks, drinking water safety, and general sanitation issues.   | Andre Westfield<br>Environmental Health Specialist 4<br>(770) 920-7316<br>(770) 920-7317 (fax)<br>akwestfi@dhr.state.ga.us                                   |
| <b>Universal Newborn Hearing Screening</b> | Educates medical providers and parents as to the importance of infant hearing screening and tracks children in need of follow-up hearing evaluations.   | Laurie A. Ross, RN<br>District Director, Birth to Five Division<br>(770) 514-2460<br>(770) 514-2414 (fax)<br>laross@dhr.state.ga.us                          |
| <b>West Nile Virus-Mosquito Control</b>    | Fights to prevent mosquito-borne illnesses; strives to eliminate mosquito breeding sites through education, larviciding, and complaint investigation.   | Robert Gore<br>County Manager, Environmental Health<br>(770) 920-7314<br>(770) 920-7317 (fax)<br>rfgore@dhr.state.ga.us                                      |
| <b>Women, Infants and Children (WIC)</b>   | (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children) provides nutrition assessment, health screening, medical history, body measurement (weight and height), hemoglobin check, nutrition education, breast-feeding support and education, and vouchers for healthy foods. | Barbara Stahnke, MEd, RD, LD<br>WIC/Nutrition Services<br>Nutrition Services Director<br>(770) 514-2453<br>(770) 514-2414 (fax)<br>bjstahnke@dhr.state.ga.us |