

# Children 1st, Babies Can't Wait and Home Visiting

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# Children 1st (C1st)

# What is Children 1st?

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The mission of Children 1st is to **identify children**, birth to five years of age who are **at risk** for poor health and developmental outcomes, so that **needed interventions can be made to ensure the** optimal health and development of the child.

**Children 1<sup>st</sup> is a single point of entry** into child health programs.

- All referrals made to Georgia Department of Public Health child health programs must be submitted through Children 1<sup>st</sup>.

# Children 1st Core Functions

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## Identification

- Information and Referral Center (IRC)
- Screen all electronic birth certificates to identify newborns with risk factors
- Reach out to families with risk factors to engage them in the system
- Any family can call the IRC for linkage to public health programs and community- based resources

## Developmental Screening

- Ages and Stages (ASQ-3)
- Ages and Stages: Social Emotional (ASQ:SE-2)
- Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers, Revised with follow-up (M-CHAT-R/F)

# Children 1st Core Functions

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## Assessments

- Maternal and Child Health Assessment

## Referrals and Linkages

- Link families to most appropriate public health resources
- Link families to medical home
- Refer families to community-based services

## Monitoring

- Regularly contact family and/or physician to learn of any needs or concerns that may have emerged
- Children enrolled in Children 1st can be monitored up to age 5
- After a year of monitoring with no concerns, a child may be discharged from Children 1st

# Children 1st FY 2019 Data

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Total Referrals to Public Health: **29,920**

Total Developmental Screens: **27,918**

- ASQ-3: 24,467
- ASQ:SE-2: 2,745
- M-CHAT-R/F: 706

Referred to Intervention Programs: **18,983**

- Babies Can't Wait: 14,308
- Children's Medical Services: 3,394
- 1st Care: 1,281

Newly Enrolled in C1st: **4,651**

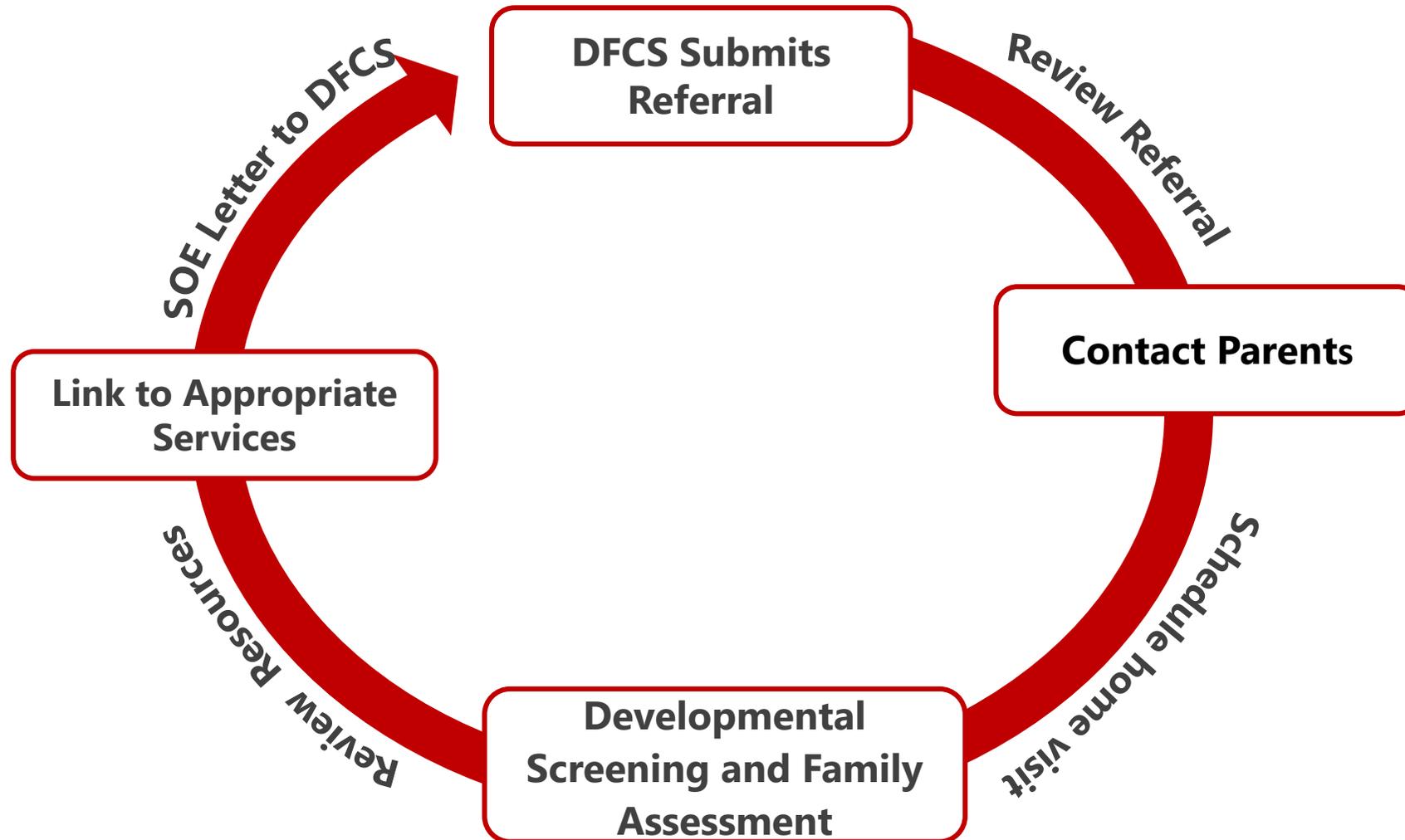
Linked to PCP: **4,527**

Monitoring Activities: **2,741**

Source: State Electronic Notifiable Disease Surveillance System – Newborn (SendSS-NB); Oct. 3, 2019

# DFCS Referral Process to Children 1st

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# Babies Can't Wait (BCW)

# What is Babies Can't Wait (BCW)?

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## **Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**

guarantees all eligible children from birth to 3 years of age, regardless of their disability, have access to services that will enhance their development.

**BCW** is Georgia's Part C early intervention program for families of infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities.

**BCW** served a total of 19,275 children in FY 19. As of October 1, 2019, there are 10,772 children enrolled with an active IFSP.

# BCW Providers

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BCW contracts with the majority of its providers to deliver the required services within the program to include:

- Speech/Language Pathologists - 241
- Occupational Therapists - 138
- Physical Therapists - 130
- Special Instructors - 379
- Service Coordinators (Case Managers) - 116
- Board Certified Behavior Analysts & Registered Behavior Technicians - 20
- Clinical Social Workers/Licensed Professional Counselors - 5
- Psychologists - 4

# Referrals

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- Referrals of children birth to 5 years of age to public health services, including Early Intervention services provided through BCW, come through Children 1st.
- Children 1st is Georgia's Maternal and Child Health program single point of entry.



- If a child fails the ASQ in one or more areas of development, a referral is made to BCW. Children with a diagnosed medical condition are referred directly to BCW as they are automatically eligible.

# Eligibility Determination

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- ✓ A diagnosed medical condition that places the child at risk for developmental delay
- OR**
- ✓ A significant developmental delay in at least one area of development or two moderate delays
  - ✓ If the child is determined eligible, an ongoing family service coordinator is chosen and an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) is developed
  - ✓ If the child is determined ineligible, appropriate referrals are made to other community programs

# Teleintervention Services

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- Teleintervention pilot with Waycross Public Health District  
September 2018
- Teleintervention physical therapy (PT) and speech (SP) services
- Occupational therapy (OT) services added July 2019
- Services to date:
  - 33 children have received PT
  - 2 children have received OT
  - 32 children have received SP services
- Pilot expanding into Dublin, Valdosta and Gainesville Districts

# Transition & Exit

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Prior to the child's third birthday, the family's Service Coordinator will discuss transition options with the family. The family then chooses what option best meets their needs, such as:

- Private Child Care
- Public Preschool
- Head Start
- Home
- Private Preschool
- Private Therapy Services



# Home Visiting Program

# What is Home Visiting?

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Home visiting is an evidence-based program that supports pregnant women and parents of children from birth to five access resources and hone skills needed to ensure children are physically, socially and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.

Home visiting goals:

- Improve maternal and child health
- Prevent child abuse and neglect
- Encourage positive parenting
- Promote child development and school readiness

# Home Visiting Services

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## Provide

- Education on a variety of topics
- Linkage to resources
- Support to families
- Screenings and referrals
- Group Connections

## Promote

- Utilization of health care resources
- Goal Setting
- Well-child visits
- Early brain development
- Positive parenting skills

## Screen and Assess

- Ages and Stages 3 (ASQ3) Developmental Screening
- Ages and Stages Social Emotional screening (ASQ-SE)
- Edinburgh Depression Screening
- Maternal and Child Health Assessment
- Hurt, Insulted, Threatened with Harm and Screamed (HITS) Domestic Violence Screening

# Counties Served by Home Visiting

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Bartow

Bibb

Brooks

Chatham

Chattahoochee

Clarke

Clayton

Crisp

DeKalb

Dooly

Echols

Fulton

Glynn

Houston

Jackson

Liberty

Lowndes

Muscogee

Peach

Richmond

Rockdale

Whitfield

# 2018 Home Visiting Data

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## Service Utilization Data:

- 1,489 families served
- 19,385 home visits completed
  - 316 Pregnant women
  - 1,489 Primary caregivers
  - 1,360 Children

## Risk Factors:

- 70% of families served are low income
- 9% had a child with a developmental delay
- 8% had previous involvement with Child Protective Services

Data collected from 10/1/2017-9/30/2018 for the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting funded programs – Data accurate as of 10/1/2018.

# 2018 Home Visiting Data

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## Performance Measurement Data (10/01/2017 – 9/30/2018)

- 80% of primary caregivers were screened for depression
- 78% of children received an on-time screening for developmental delays
- 95% of children had someone who read or sang to them daily
- 69% of primary caregivers were specifically assessed for their parent-child interactions
- 29% of primary caregivers referred due to positive screen for depression received mental health services
- 67% of children referred due to positive screen for developmental delays received services in a timely manner

# A Day in the Life of a Home Visitor

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# Questions?

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