



# Whitefoord Community Program: Caring for Children in the Context of Family, Home, and Community

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# Whitefoord Elementary and Sammye E. Coan Middle School Based Clinics

- n Pediatric and adolescent primary care health clinics providing comprehensive health services for the students and their pre-school siblings
- n Initiated by the Dept of Pediatrics at Emory University Nov. 1994
- n Removed the health care of children out of the institution and placed it into the community



# Whitefoord & Coan....

- n Goal : Increasing access to quality health care and improving the academic achievement of students
- n Address the physical, mental and emotional health of the child
- n ‘Care for the child in the context of family, home and community’
  - n Developed the Whitefoord Community Program, a community-based support program for families of children enrolled in the clinic





# Whitefoord Community Program

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- n Community-based, community-driven organization that strives to empower residents of the Edgewood community to take charge of themselves, their children, and their community.
- n Mission: ...‘working together with families and the community to ensure that every child has what he or she needs to succeed in school’.
- n Established in 1994 by the late Dr. George Brumley and Dr. Veda Johnson



# Community Needs

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- n Increased Access to quality medical care

- n **Chronic Health Problems**

- n Asthma

- n Diabetes

- n Obesity

- n Youth violence

- n Teen Pregnancy

- n Substance Abuse

- n Mental Health Disorders



# Community Needs...

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- n Early Childhood Education
- n Afterschool Programs
- n Adult Literacy and GED instruction
- n Family Support Services
  - n Social Services
  - n Parenting
  - n Adult Counseling



# Planning and Implementation

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- n Community identified and prioritized its' needs
- n Collaborated with schools, parents, community leaders, community agencies, and potential funders to develop program(s) to address needs
- n Established advisory committees within schools and community to monitor and evaluate effectiveness of programs
- n Recruited community members onto Board of Directors to participate in governance of organization

# Whitefoord Community Program

- n Created to address the needs of families as defined by the community
- n Located across the street from the school in 5 houses
- n Components:
  - n School Based Clinics
  - n Child Development Program
  - n Family Learning & Community Development Center



# Clinic Services

- n Management of acute illnesses and injuries
- n Management of chronic illnesses (diabetes, HIV+, asthma, sickle cell)
- n Routine and sports physicals
- n Immunizations
- n Dental care



# Services cont'd

- n Mental Health Assessments and Counseling
- n Psycho-educational Testing
- n Social services
- n Referral to Sub-specialist
- n 24 hr. coverage





# Staffing

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- n Medical Providers (MDs/NP/PA)
  
- n Nurses and assistants  
(RN/LPN/MA)
  - n Includes School Nurse
  
- n Dentist and Dental Asst
  
- n Social Worker/Mental Health  
Providers
  
- n Health Educator
  
- n Administrative Staff  
(Secretaries/Assistants)



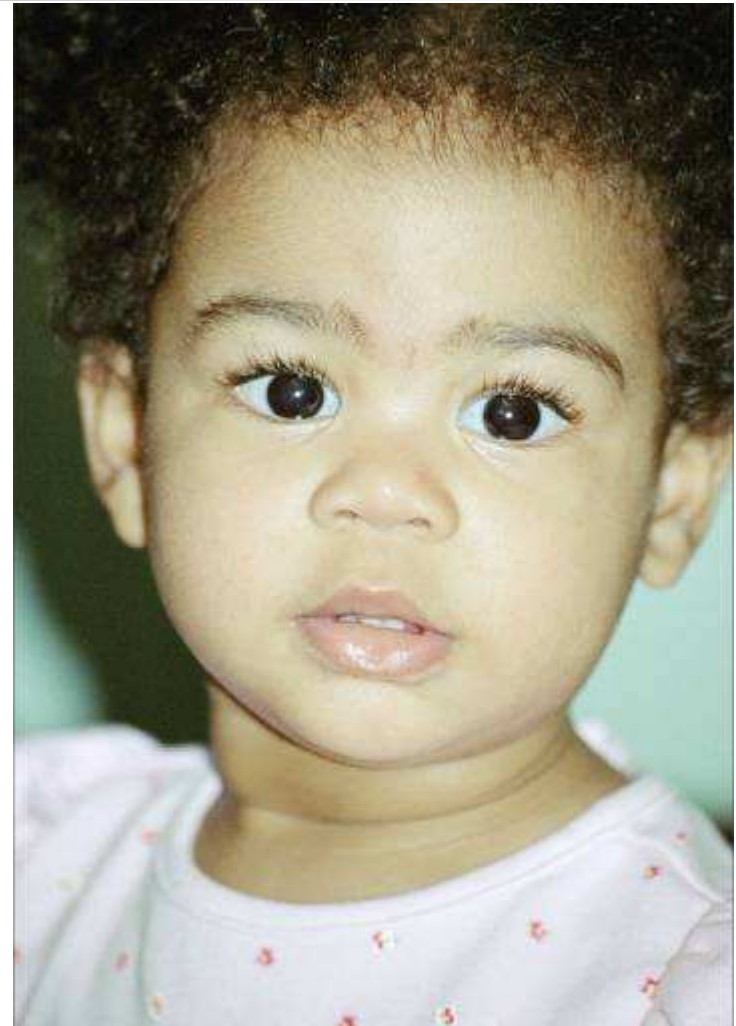
# Funding Sources

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- n HRSA Federal Grant
  
- n Medicaid/Peachcare/Private  
Ins reimbursements
  
- n Philanthropy/Private Grants
  
- n In – Kind
  - n Includes clinic space and  
utilities, laboratory services,  
and mal-practice insurance

# Accomplishments

- n Increased access to medical and dental health care
  - n Provided medical care to over 5000 students since 1995
  - n Medical home to over 1000 children
  - n High clinic enrollment (95%) and utilization
  
- n 90-92% immunization rates for 2 year olds
  
- n 82% immunization rates for adolescents (HepB)





# Accomplishments...

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- § Improved school attendance/?performance
  
- § Every child in school receives health education instruction on drug and substance abuse, violence prevention, safety, general health, and nutrition
  
- § Improved health outcomes for children with chronic illnesses (e.g. asthma, diabetes)
  - § Increased symptom free days
    - § 80% of asthma visits in green zone



# Accomplishments...

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- n Improved risk factors for overweight students
  - n Reduced BMI's
  - n Reduced cholesterol levels
  - n Reduced insulin resistance
  
- n Increased parental involvement
  
- n Reduced cost to the state's Medicaid program
  - n Reduced emergency room use and hospitalization of students with asthma



# Success stories....."We measure our success one child at a time" ...

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- n Diagnosed early staged brain tumor in 3<sup>rd</sup> grader who has had a full recovery
- n Early detection of a genitourinary deformity in a 9 year old which was successfully corrected
- n Early detection and intervention of children with diabetes and asthma



# Success Stories...

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- n Through on-site counseling and support, facilitated the recovery of many emotionally troubled children
  - n “A man’s spirit will sustain his infirmities, but a wounded spirit who can bear it?”
  
- n Witnessed several challenged families assume proper responsibility for their children



# Meeting the needs and bridging the gap for the underserved...

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- n Increased access to healthcare
- n Improved health outcomes
- n Decreased healthcare costs
- n Improved school attendance and academic performance



# Meeting the needs and bridging the gap for the underserved...

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“He who has health has hope; and he  
who has hope has everything”.

~Arabic Proverb

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