



Texas Children's Mobile Clinic Program



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Pediatrics

Texas Children's Mobile Clinic Program (TC-MCP)



Superkids Mobile Clinic

- Donated in 2000 by the Junior League of Houston
- Primarily serves Gulfton area (Southwest Houston)



Ronald McDonald Care Mobile

- Donated in 2006 by the Ronald McDonald House Charities
- Primarily serves Hobby Airport area (Southeast Houston)



Texas Children' Care Squad

- Donated by the Katz family in September of 2016
- Primarily serves as a back up clinic



The New Ronald McDonald Care Mobile



Funding



- Texas Children's Hospital
- Junior League of Houston
- Ronald McDonald House Charities
- Private donors

The TC-MCP Mission

- To provide underserved children in the Houston area with comprehensive health care and preventive education

The TC-MCP Goals

- To educate families about health insurance options
- To explain to families the advantages of finding a permanent medical home for their children
- To increase immunization rates in target areas
- To reduce inappropriate ER use by increasing access to health care in target areas

The TC-MCP Goals

- To promote health education and healthy living in the communities served
- To provide a learning opportunity for Baylor College of Medicine medical students and residents with a focus on:
 - Barriers in caring for underserved children*
 - Importance of reducing health care disparities*

The population served

- Children 0-18 years of age
- Uninsured and underserved
- Largely Hispanic
- Immigrants and refugees from all over the world
- Safety net for families in the Houston area that have suddenly become uninsured



Bilingual Staff

- Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) Faculty
 - 1 Pediatrician/Medical Director
 - 1 Pediatrician
 - 2 Nurse practitioners
- Texas Children's Hospital (TCH) Staff
 - 1 Program Coordinator/Manager
 - 6 Medical Assistants
 - 1 Community health worker

Services Provided

- Well Child Examinations
- Sports physicals/ School physicals
- Illness/Acute/Urgent Evaluations
- Obesity Program



Services Provided

- Immunizations/PPD testing
 - Laboratory Evaluations
 - In-house Class D Pharmacy
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- Nutrition, Health and Safety Education
 - CHIP/Medicaid/Harris Health Referrals
 - Mental Health and Social Services Referrals



Inside our mobile clinic



Our schedule

- School year and summer school
(September–June)

- Superkids Mobile Clinic- *primarily Gulfton area*

- 6 elementary schools with outreach to 12 schools
- 1 church- St. Matthews
- 1 community Center- ECHOS

- Ronald McDonald Care Mobile- *primarily Hobby area*

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- 1 apartment complex- Willowcreek
- Various McDonald's restaurant locations



Our schedule

- Summer months (July-August)
 - Collaborations
 - Consulates of Mexico, El Salvador, Ecuador
 - Apartment complexes
 - Neighboring school districts
 - Television stations
 - Churches
 - Houston Children's Museum
 - Texas Children's Health Plan events
 - Sewa International



Summer months-long lines



Summer months-big crowds



Summer---Free Thursday Nights at the Houston Children's Museum



Education

- BCM medical students and residents
 - Core general pediatrics medical students- each student experiences two weeks on the mobile clinics
 - Each community pediatrics rotation resident experiences 2-3 days on the mobile clinics



Volunteers

- The Junior League of Houston volunteers
 - In the field and computer immunization entry
- Texas Children's Hospital (TCH) nurses
- Texas Children's Pediatrics (TCP) nurses/medical assistants
- TCH and TCP administrative staff
- BCM medical students, pediatric residents, med-peds residents and family practice residents

Research

- Grant-funded research “Vaccinating Adolescents in School”
- Community-based vaccine research
- Access to care
- Community health worker projects
- Refugee health
- Complementary and Alternative/Integrative Medicine
- School nurse education
- Return on Investment projects
- Health literacy

Questions?