# Children's Hospital of Wisconsin's commitment to Milwaukee



Children's Hospital of Wisconsin's vision is that Wisconsin children will be the healthiest in the nation. But "healthy" doesn't just mean that they aren't sick or hurt. It means that they have the medical, emotional and social support systems and resources necessary to reach their full potential.

Too often, the health of Milwaukee kids is determined by the neighborhood where they grow up. That's why Children's is working to bring health care to the places in Milwaukee County that need it most. We believe prevention is the best form of medicine, so in addition to focusing on access to clinical health care, we work to address the 90 percent of factors outside the doctor's office that affect a child's health, such as family history, their home, school and neighborhood communities, and choices about food, exercise and safety.

Each year, we invest more than \$110 million in southeastern Wisconsin communities with the goal of improving pediatric health care, child advocacy, health and well-being education and medical research.



#### Delivering nationally ranked care in Milwaukee

We operate over 110,000 square feet of space in Milwaukee's central city, including eight primary care clinics that aid historically undeserved areas and three urgent care sites so that patients with critical, non-life-threatening needs can be seen immediately. Annually, these clinics see nearly 20,000 patients, more than 91 percent of whom are on Medicaid. We are nationally ranked in nine specialties, with 85 percent of southeastern Wisconsin's top-ranked doctors employed at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

#### **Partnering with Milwaukee Public Schools**

We provide 10 full-time registered school nurses free of charge to care for students in Milwaukee Public Schools. These nurses have over 20,000 visits from MPS students each year, and for many children without regular access to a pediatrician, the school nurse becomes the health care provider in their lives. In addition, our nurses partner with school staff and administrators to build and sustain a culture of health across the school community including food service, physical activity, staff wellness, family and community engagement.

## Partnering with at-risk neighborhoods

Working with central city residents in three partner neighborhoods – Amani/Franklin Heights, Lindsay Heights and Metcalfe Park – we developed an innovative Community Health Navigator Program to help families overcome barriers to good health. Children's Community Health Navigators now work with more than 1,200 Milwaukee families, providing connections to housing, employment and health care resources and working with school nurses, social care workers and foster care workers to ensure coordinated and successful health care delivery. We also collaborated with Marquette University College of Nursing, the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee and the COA Youth and Families Center–Goldin Center to open two primary care clinics in these priority neighborhoods utilizing an innovative nurse practitioner care delivery model.

## **Expanding the frontiers of pediatric medicine**

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Research Institute is the most powerful concentration of pediatric research in the region. Our doctors and surgeons are nationally known for their research and groundbreaking discoveries in the fields of preemie and newborn care, heart care and cancer care.

# Child well-being/Social services

Most people don't know that Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services is the largest not-for-profit, community-based agency serving children and families in the state. We provide family preservation and support, child and family counseling, foster care and adoption services, child advocacy and protection, and child welfare services. Beyond our core community-based services, Children's is at the forefront of innovative thinking and practice focused on child and family well-being. We partner with the community to assist in altering the environments that contribute to stress for families. We intervene early and support healthy child development. We focus on parents. Every day, throughout Milwaukee, there are hundreds of staff working directly with families in their homes.

#### **Providing Medicaid health insurance**

Children's Community Health Plan serves more than 140,000 families and childless adults – 95,000 of those in Milwaukee County alone – providing access to a primary care physician; prenatal care; hospital services; dental, vision and mental health services.

# Working to prevent violence against children in Milwaukee

Kids who experience adversity are 25 percent more likely to face lifelong physical, emotional, cognitive and behavioral challenges. We are working to break that cycle with Strong Families, Thriving Children – a customized well-being approach that embraces each family's unique strengths and addresses areas of improvement. Our Project Ujima helps victims of violent crime (and their family members) get the treatment they need to recover physically and emotionally. During the past decade, Project Ujima has significantly reduced violence recurrence rates among program participants.

#### Providing much-needed dental care

We are working to grow our dental care services for children – an area of health care that is a critical need for central city kids. We offer pediatric dental care for everything from standard to emergency procedures at four centers throughout Milwaukee. Our dental clinics provide care to over 10,000 kids each year.

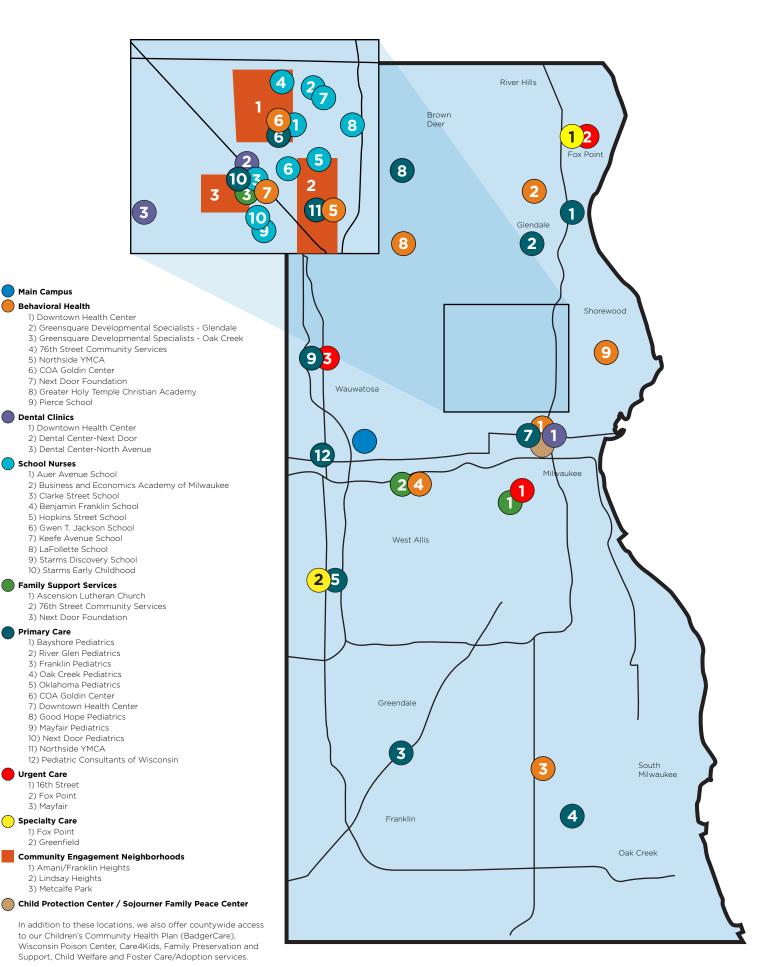
#### Improving pediatric mental health services and access

We provide behavioral and mental health services at multiple locations throughout Milwaukee County embedded within the COA Goldin Center, Northside YMCA and Next Door Foundation, and will create a mental health intake and triage process to assist Milwaukee families.

#### Collaborating to aid victims of domestic abuse

We are a lead partner in the new Sojourner Family Peace Center, which is being heralded as the country's most comprehensive center to help victims of domestic abuse and their families. The center will house medical, social, legal, and mental health services, substance abuse counseling, job training and law enforcement resources, all co-located in one space to make it easier for families to access the services they need.

At Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, we believe developing healthy children is our insurance policy for the future. That's why we're committed to providing the best possible care for Milwaukee kids – no matter which ZIP code they grow up in.



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