WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)
The WIC staff is a caring team of experts who provide...
- Vouchers to buy foods that help keep bodies strong and healthy
- Tips on healthy meals, recipes, and shopping for food
- Support for breastfeeding mothers and for infants
- Information on good eating during the time of pregnancy and breastfeeding
- Education about feeding infants and young children
- Referrals to doctors, dentists and programs like Food Stamps, TANF, Medicaid, Head Start, daycare and parenting classes

DENTAL SERVICES
Progressive public health efforts at the health department’s state of the art dental clinic provide basic dental care for children. Services are targeted toward residents of Cherokee County who have limited or no access to dental care.

Preventive and clinical services for children include:
- Routine cleanings, exams, x-rays, fillings and extractions
- Sealants
- Space maintainers
- Pulpotomy (Baby tooth root canal)
- Dental health programs for school and community groups
- Dental screening and referral services
- Emergency care

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
Environmental Health provides many services, such as inspections of hotels, restaurants, swimming pools and body art establishments; issuing septic system permits; investigating mosquito-borne diseases; having animals tested for rabies; and much, much more.

Promoting and protecting the health of the people in Cherokee County wherever they live, work and play!
**VITAL RECORDS SERVICES**

Vital Records Services assists in the preparation of birth certificates and death certificates, and makes official changes to birth and death certificates.

**WOMEN’S CLINIC**

The Women’s Clinic provides comprehensive services for well women, which includes:

- Physical exams, including pap smears
- Breast and cervical cancer screening
- Family Planning services and education
- Prenatal care and pregnancy tests

**IMMUNIZATIONS**

The health department offers immunizations to children and adults for influenza and other vaccine preventable diseases, including state required vaccinations for school registration.

**INFECTIOUS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

Communicable diseases such as TB, Hepatitis, HIV, Norovirus, Lyme Disease, Giardia, Pertussis, Salmonella, and Rabies are reported to public health for investigation. Public health monitors the health status of the community to identify outbreaks and epidemics and to best provide preventive measures.

Persons who may have been exposed to Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) such as Chlamydia, Syphilis, Gonorrhea, and/or HIV may receive education, testing, counseling, and referral.

**CHILDREN’S CLINIC**

The Children’s Clinic provides healthcare services to children from birth to 21 years of age. It is our goal to give your child the best care available by providing services by an experienced and dedicated staff. These services include:

- Complete well child physicals
- Immunizations for children
- Immunizations for child caregivers
- Limited acute care for children
- Hearing, vision and dental screenings
- Car seat education program

**CHILDREN’S MEDICAL SERVICES**

Children’s Medical Services are provided throughout the year for families who are financially unable to obtain specialized medical care in various areas such as hearing, neurology, cardiac, plastic surgery, orthopedic, and follow-up burn care.

**BABIES CAN’T WAIT (BCW)**

Babies Can’t Wait is Georgia’s early intervention program for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities and for their families.

Children 1st identifies children who are at risk for poor health and developmental outcomes so that needed interventions can be made to ensure the best health and development of the child.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Local plans are in place to respond to terrorism, natural disasters and other public health emergencies. Ongoing county, district and state public health emergency preparations are coordinated with community partners, including city and county governments, law enforcement, hospitals, healthcare facilities, schools, businesses, Emergency Medical Services, Cherokee County Office of Homeland Security Emergency Management and the county’s advanced Emergency Operations Center.

**THE LIVING BRIDGE CENTER**

District Ryan White Clinic

The Living Bridge Center, provider of Ryan White Part B and Part C, serves those living with HIV. Funded services include: outpatient HIV ambulatory care including HIV, primary care, and sub-speciality medical care; medical case management and adherence; oral health; non-medical case management; individual and group level mental health and substance abuse outpatient counseling; consumer advisory services; laboratory and nutritional services; pharmaceutical assistance; linguistic services; medical transportation; and HIV counseling, testing, and prevention services.

**PAYMENT FOR SERVICES**

Fees for public health services are assessed on a sliding scale basis, depending on family income and size. No one will be denied services because of income status (ability to pay), race, ethnic background, religion, country of birth, or gender preference.