

1. **Mission Statement:** The goal of the Northeast Health District is to offer free or low-cost services to all people within the Northeast Georgia area and to promote healthy lifestyles among all members of the community. They do this by offering many different programs and services in the Northeast Georgia area. In all, the health district has a total of 18 clinics within a 10-county region including Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, and Walton counties.
2. **Services:**
  - a. **Clinic Services:** Available to all ages regardless of income. Ages 11-19 are provided the same services at no charge at Teen Clinics.
    - i. **Birth control and family planning:** Provides the choice of birth control method, HPV immunization for boys and girls, testing and treatment for STIs (including HIV), pregnancy testing, and health education and counseling on a variety of health concerns (including abstinence, consent, safe sex, disease protecting, etc)
    - ii. **Immunizations:** Provides a list of required and recommended immunizations for people within Georgia as well as provides immunization for required school immunizations, polio, MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella), Tdap (tetanus, whooping cough), chicken pox, mpox, shingles, flu, covid-19, hepatitis A & B, and HPV
    - iii. **WIC:** A supplemental nutrition program that provides eWIC to purchase healthy foods (milk, eggs, bread, cereal, juice, peanut butter, and other authorized foodstuff), nutrition information and health education, breastfeeding support and information, and referrals to healthcare and other community services
    - iv. **Tuberculosis Testing and Treatment:**
    - v. **HIV Testing, Prevention, and Care:** The Specialty Care Clinic provided by the district provides comprehensive primary care and case management services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS.
    - vi. **STI:** Provides testing for standard STI/STD (chlamydia, gonorrhea, HIV, syphilis) as well as additional tests if indicated (genital warts, hepatitis C, herpes, trichomoniasis)
    - vii. **Breast and Cervical Cancer:** Provides screening services for the two cancers
    - viii. **Birth and Death Certificates**
    - ix. **High Blood Pressure:** Provides testing and treatment for high blood pressure, treatment options if one has high blood pressure, and includes:

physical exams and office visits, laboratory tests, medicine, patient education, nutrition counseling, and regular follow-ups to keep blood pressure under control

- x. **Low THC Oil Registry:** Low THC Oil identification cards are provided to those who are eligible; this means they may legally possess 20 fl oz of Low THC Oil in Georgia. Provided by physicians.

**b. Child Health**

- i. **Babies Can't Wait:** service for infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities. Statewide service is provided to children from birth to 3 years old with physical or mental conditions that cause developmental delay and their families regardless of income. Provides early screening
- ii. **Children 1st/First Care:** provides families resources to improve infant and child health and development. Service to children ages 5 and under.
- iii. **Children's Medical Services:** available for ages birth to 21 with special healthcare needs.
- iv. **Children's Dental Health**
- v. **Immunizations and School Requirements:** available to all school-age children (preschool to college)
- vi. **Child Influenza Prevention**

**c. Teen Matters:** Provides confidential health services for young people aged 11 to 19.

- i. **Birth Control:** You don't have to be sexually active to use the services provided. It is recommended that teens visit the clinic before they start engaging in sexual intercourse, so they can talk about expectations, risks and options with one of the health educators provided.
- ii. **Condoms**
- iii. **Advice about Dating, Relationships, & Risks**
- iv. **Pregnancy Testing**
- v. **Testing and Treatments for STIs**
- vi. **Abstinence Education**
- vii. **Decision-Making Skills**
- viii. **Health Education**
- ix. **HIV/AIDS Testing:** A rapid, finger prick test for the detection of antibodies to HIV Type 1 and Type 2 is offered. Patients could have their results in as little as 60 seconds.
- x. **Immunizations**
- xi. **Nutrition & Exercise Advice**

**d. Community Health**

- i. **Community Outreach**
- ii. **Healthy Living and Disease Prevention**

- e. **Environmental Health**
    - i. **Food Service Program:** Environmental health experts enforce state food service rules and regulations within new establishments, or those that have undergone ownership changes or remodels. This is done through applications, surveying of the area, and issuing of permits.
    - ii. **Hotels, Motels, and Campgrounds**
    - iii. **Public Swimming Pools and Spas**
    - iv. **Sewage/Septic System**
    - v. **Tattoo and Piercing Establishments:** Environmental Health Specialists inspect tattoo and piercing establishments to ensure the health and safety of clients. Artists should follow the Body Tattoo/Body Piercing Establishments and Operators Rules and Regulations.
    - vi. **Restaurant Inspections**
  - f. **Epidemiology**
    - i. **Food-related and water-related illnesses:** salmonella and E. coli
    - ii. **Vaccine-preventable diseases:** measles, mumps, and chickenpox
    - iii. **STIs/STDs:** gonorrhea, chlamydia, and syphilis
    - iv. **Covid-19, mpox, and HIV**
  - g. **Emergency Preparedness**
    - i. **Healthcare Coalition:** Create a disaster-prepared healthcare system that will withstand the disaster's impact on the region, community, and public through coordination and extensive planning.
  - h. **HIV Prevention**
    - i. **HIV Testing**
    - ii. **HIV Testing and Counseling**
    - iii. **PrEP:** Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) is recommended only for people with a very high risk of contracting HIV and who are currently HIV negative. This program prevents HIV through a daily pill. People receiving PrEP must meet with a healthcare provider every 3 months and must commit to taking the pill every single day.
  - i. **HIV Treatment**
    - i. **Linkage to Care:** Identify and connect those newly diagnosed or living with HIV to care.
    - ii. **Specialty Care Clinic:** Improve quality of life for those diagnosed with HIV and AIDS through high-quality and cost-efficient care.
3. **Audience Served:** The Northeast Health District serves anybody including those with both public and private insurance (including both Medicaid and Medicare, as well as a variety of private insurers), but insurance is not required due to many services being available on a sliding scale to ensure patients receive the care they need. The district serves a wide variety of people ranging from infants to teens and even those who are

diagnosed with HIV. Those who are allowed to use the service depends on the specific service and exceptions provided in descriptions above.

- 4. Funding (public/nonprofit):** Government-funded since it is recognized as an organization under the Georgia Department of Public Health. Georgia's public health department relies heavily on federal funding. The Northeast Health District is 1 of 18 public health clinics that is funded by the state on a federal level.