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1995-2005



THE GEORGIA HEALTH POLICY CENTER (GHPC)

celebrates a decade of supporting **STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT** at local, state, & national levels through its work to develop policies that promote **BETTER HEALTH** for more people at less cost and **IMPROVE HEALTH** status at the community level.

HEALTH

health

1995

GHPC founded as research arm of the
Georgia Coalition for Health.

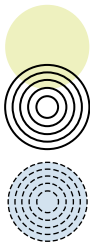
1996

GHPC studies Medicaid Reform
at the request of Governor Miller.

1997

GHPC delivers Medicaid study,
"Directions for Change," to the
Georgia General Assembly and
begins to study population groups
most vulnerable to Medicaid
Reform, specifically the long-term
care, rural, and child populations.

analysis



alignment

1998

GHPC begins eight years of long-term care research in Georgia. Long-term care takes up the largest percentage of the Medicaid budget, and as Georgia's population ages over the next 30 years, the need and demand for long-term care will increase exponentially.

GHPC begins to help communities form and develop local partnerships to improve health and healthcare. The Center offers technical assistance to help rural healthcare providers remain competitive in a reformed healthcare market and preserve access to quality healthcare at the community level.

1999

GHPC informs design of Georgia's first State Children's Health Insurance Program, PeachCare for Kids, and continues annual evaluation of its performance.

2000

c o n c e n s u s

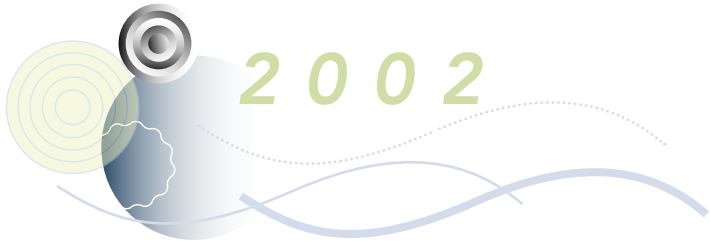
GHPC expands its work in Rural Health to more than 74 counties statewide and translates its statewide learnings to identify the “Keys to Success,” which highlight the critical elements communities need to build local capacity and improve health.

GHPC serves as the administrative arm of the Philanthropic Collaborative for a Healthy Georgia. The Collaborative brings foundations together to understand health-related challenges facing Georgia and to seek opportunities to form investment partnerships to address these challenges. The Collaborative’s first projects address school and rural health issues.

k n o w l e d g e

2001

GHPC’s long-term care research identifies “The Churning Effect,” in which frail elderly people are between nursing home facilities and hospitals frequently over short periods of time, driving up healthcare costs and diminishing the quality of life for the frail elderly.



GHPC learns from its first-hand experience in Georgia and applies insights nationally to help rural communities in more than 37 states develop relevant and viable health systems.

GHPC implements a federal grant for the state of Georgia to formulate and evaluate policy options to reduce the number of uninsured, which has climbed steadily since 1995 to more than one million uninsured Georgians.



GHPC studies five communities throughout the United States to understand how specific initiatives have developed and sustained financing to provide care for the uninsured.

Philanthropic Collaborative for a Healthy Georgia begins study of childhood obesity. Almost 30 percent of Georgia middle school students and another 25 percent of high school students are either overweight or at risk of being overweight.

2004 GHPC works to improve health in eight of the most rural, medically-underserved states in the country. The Southern Regional Health Consortium tapped the Center to provide research and strategic support as they plan to increase access to basic healthcare.

GHPC performs an assessment of Georgia's public health system to more clearly define public health's "core business" as it relates to the broader system of health and healthcare in the state; gain an accurate understanding of the public's perception of the role of public health; examine the areas of existing service overlap; and investigate opportunities for increased collaboration with various healthcare providers and stakeholders.

listening
OBJECTIVE
BEST practices

2005 Georgia Health Decisions, a non-profit, non-partisan grassroots organization, relocates to the GHPC, giving greater voice to the values and opinions of Georgians on a wide-range of issues including end of life care, health insurance, and rural health services.