

Diabetes Community Action Coalition, Inc.

Who We Are: The Diabetes Community Action Coalition, Inc. (DCAC) is a diverse group of community members, health advocates, public health professionals, health care providers, and social service organizations that are working together to reduce the health and financial burden of undiagnosed and poorly controlled diabetes.

DCAC is an active partner of the Georgia Dept. of Public Health's Diabetes Prevention and Control Program and the CDC's National Diabetes Education Program, as well as local chapter of the Georgia Diabetes Coalition.

Mission: To improve the health, function, and quality of life of Fulton and DeKalb county residents living with, at risk for, or affected by, diabetes.

Vision: Residents of Fulton and DeKalb counties have access to, and are empowered to make use of, quality health care, community resources, and support to prevent diabetes and its complications.

Statement of Need: Nearly 35% of Fulton and DeKalb county adults, including 50% of senior adults, have prediabetes and are at high risk for developing Type 2 diabetes. Research shows that Type 2 diabetes, the most common form of diabetes, is largely preventable with lifestyle changes.

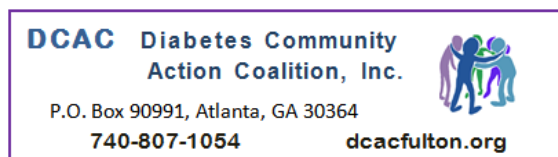
Of the county residents living with Type 2 diabetes, one in three is undiagnosed. These individuals may have already begun to suffer from the serious complications of uncontrolled diabetes, including damage to the eyes, kidneys, nerves in the feet, as well as cardiovascular disease. These and other complications of uncontrolled diabetes can be prevented or minimized by a combination of regular medical care, managing the Diabetes ABCs (A1c, Blood Pressure, and Cholesterol), and the adoption of positive lifestyle behaviors.

Long-term Goals: The Diabetes Community Action Coalition is committed to informing, empowering, and providing resources and support to vulnerable and medically underserved residents of Fulton and DeKalb counties. DCAC's work is focused in three areas:

- Increase awareness of evidence-based lifestyle changes that have been shown to prevent Type 2 diabetes and diabetes-related complications among those persons living with diabetes.
- Provide innovative, evidenced-based education and community support services to empower individuals and families to reduce their risk for developing Type 2 diabetes and for diabetes-related complications among those persons living with diabetes.
- Increase access to quality health care that promotes early detection and optimal management of all forms of diabetes through community empowerment and training of the health care workforce.

Partial List of DCAC Partners: ▪ American Diabetes Association ▪ Diabetes Association of Atlanta ▪ Ruby A. Neeson Diabetes Awareness Foundation ▪ Georgia Diabetes Coalition ▪ Georgia Charitable Care Network ▪ Atlanta Regional Commission ▪ Alliant Quality ▪ YMCA of Metro Atlanta ▪ United Way of Greater Atlanta ▪ Morehouse School of Medicine ▪ Open Hand ▪ Emory Latino Diabetes Education Program ▪ Cutting Edge Health Options ▪ JenCare Neighborhood Medical Centers ▪ Center for the Visually Impaired ▪ iADAPT 2.0 ▪ Prevent Blindness Georgia ▪ Grady Health System ▪ Atlanta Black Nurses Association ▪ Fulton County Schools ▪ Fulton County Cooperative Extension ▪ Family Health Centers of Georgia ▪ American Kidney Fund ▪ Hispanic Health Coalition of Georgia ▪ Mercy Care Services ▪ Center for Black Women's Wellness.

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