

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 who are working together to reduce the health and financial burden of undiagnosed and poorly controlled diabetes.

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

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 live a life free of diabetes and its complications.

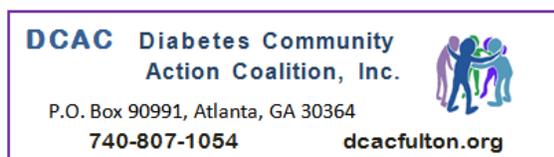
Statement of Need: Nearly 35% of Fulton and DeKalb county adults, including 50% of senior adults, have prediabetes and are at high risk for developing Type 2 diabetes. Research has shown that Type 2 diabetes, the most common form of diabetes, is largely preventable with lifestyle changes. Of the adults currently living with Type 2 diabetes, one in three is undiagnosed. These adults are at high risk for the serious complications of uncontrolled diabetes, including damage to the eyes, kidneys, and nerves in the feet, as well as heart disease and stroke. These complications can be prevented or minimized by early diagnosis followed by regular medical care, control of the Diabetes ABCs (Hemoglobin 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 Local 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 ▪ JenCare Senior Medical Center ▪ Center for the Visually Impaired ▪ DeKalb County School District ▪ Prevent Blindness Georgia Grady Health System ▪ Atlanta Black Nurses Association ▪ Fulton County Schools ▪ Grandma's Hands Outreach Family Health Centers of Georgia ▪ Southside Medical Center ▪ Oakhurst Medical Center ▪ Mercy Care Services Center for Black Women's Wellness ▪ Georgia Refugee Health and Mental Health.

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