

Rural Housing Service • Community Facilities Loan and Grant Program

Healthy Families, Chatsworth Adds Pediatric Care, Doubles Patient Visits.

Healthy Families, Chatsworth is a community-based Federally Qualified Health Center providing health care services in an underserved area of rural north Georgia.

In 2018, with funds from the Health Resources & Services Administration, the center remodeled and reconfigured, adding pediatrics care and hired a pediatrician. USDA helped furnish a variety of equipment for the laboratory, exam rooms, patient rooms and waiting areas with \$100,000 from the [community facilities direct loan and grant programs](#).

Families now have a local, affordable choice for pediatrics care. Previously, parents sought care for their children at the emergency room at Advent Health (formerly Murray Medical Center) or travelled to the nearest pediatrician 22 miles away in Dalton, Georgia.

In 2017, the center treated 921 children compared with 2018, they saw 2,224 children visits. Of the 2,224 visits, 16 percent were to children with no insurance and 56 percent had either Medicaid or Peachcare insurance. Healthy Families is a very welcoming and newly modernized facility filling the need for local health services. They are in an underserved area, serving the underserved.

USDA's community facilities program provides low interest loans and grants to purchase, construct and or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses. For more information call (706) 546-2171.



Georgia Mountains Health, Chatsworth prior to renovation and reconfiguration



In 2018, USDA helped furnish the renovated Georgia Mountains Health, Chatsworth center (Now Healthy Families, Chatsworth).

Obligation Amount: \$75,000 Community Facilities Loan, \$25,000 Community Facilities Grant

Date of Obligation: March 2018

Congressional District: Representative Graves, District 14; Senators Isakson and Perdue

Partners: Health Resources & Services Administration Health Center Program

Demographics: Chatsworth Ga population 4,252, poverty rate 15.7 percent

Impact: Reconfiguration and renovation of rural health clinic adds local pediatric care options for rural residents, shortening distance to care and reducing emergency room visits for primary care.
