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## Gov. Deal and Children's Make Triple Play for Child Wellness

### Children's, Gov. Deal Launch SHAPE Program Statewide to Tackle Childhood Obesity

On May 9 at White County Intermediate School, Gov. Nathan Deal launched **SHAPE**, a unique public-private partnership to promote childhood fitness and build a culture of wellness among Georgia's youth. As the largest pediatric healthcare provider in the country, Children's sees the impact of inactivity and poor nutrition every single day. That's why we're an active participant in the Georgia SHAPE Partnership.



With other Georgia organizations, we can come together to solve the childhood obesity crisis. SHAPE will capture and track data about the fitness levels of Georgia's school children and get schools excited about participating. What's more, once fully launched, the Children's **Strong4Life** program will be able to use this data to strengthen programs that empower families and children to make simple nutrition and activity changes in their lives, one positive step at a time.

"Georgia has one of the worst rates of childhood obesity in the nation," said Gov. Deal. "We know that childhood obesity decreases academic performance, increases the chances of sickness and disease and shortens life expectancy. We face a health care crisis in Georgia resulting from poor diets and lack of exercise. But the good news is that this problem is fixable. The SHAPE partnership is an innovative approach to getting Georgia kids fit and on a path to healthy living."



SHAPE generates data through Fitnessgram, an assessment that measures the strength, flexibility and endurance of students in P.E. classes. Sophisticated data management helps kids and parents chart improvement. The benefit of Fitnessgram is that it does not reward specific athletic skills or promote a particular body image; it determines fitness. The test results reveal slim children who are not physically fit as well as heavier kids who are.

SHAPE will expand statewide after attaining successful results from five pilot programs in White, Hall, Gwinnett, Bibb and Lowndes counties this school year. The program is a partnership of Gov. Deal, the Arthur Blank Foundation, the Georgia Department of Education, the Department of Community Health and the Division of Public Health, Children's, the Atlanta Falcons and the Atlanta Braves.

### Gov. Deal Works with Children's to Sign Booster Seat Bill

**Children's Recognizes May Catch Me at My Best Winners**  
Congratulations to the following employees for winning this month's Catch Me at My Best drawing for a Children's duffle bag.

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### Congratulations to Our Iron Girls

They trained for months, and Sunday, May 15, more than 200 Children's employees completed the Iron Girl Triathlon. If you know a Children's Iron Girl, congratulate her on her huge accomplishment.

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### Shared Drives Down Early Wednesday, May 18 (Tuesday Night Shift)

IS&T will perform maintenance to our shared drives (P:, N:, and S: drives), Wednesday, May 18, from 3 a.m. until 5 a.m.

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### Nurses: Prepare for New Product Rollout

Effective June 1, Children's will roll out a new peripheral IV securement device called SorbaViewSHIELD.

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### Selected Employees: Be Sure to Complete Fortune Survey by May 24

If you are one of the randomly selected employees, we would appreciate you taking the time to participate.

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### Children's Healthcare of Forsyth on Track to Open June 1

With the conclusion of major construction, the finishing touches on Children's Healthcare of Forsyth are almost complete.

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Children's teams with Gov. Nathan Deal to launch SHAPE program, sign booster seat bill and recognize food allergy awareness week.

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### Children's Announces



This legislation, which is set to become effective July 1, will require children to be properly restrained in a child passenger safety restraint device until they are 8 years of age. "It is important that we protect the lives of our children by ensuring every young Georgian is properly secured while riding in a motor vehicle," said Deal.

A child is exempt from the law if one of the following is true:

- The child is at least 4 feet, 9 inches tall.
- The child has a written statement from a physician for a medical condition.
- The child weighs 40 pounds or more, and the available lap and shoulder belts are being used to properly restrain other children.
- The child weighs 40 pounds or more, and the vehicle is not equipped with both lap and shoulder belts.

Increasing the child passenger safety restraint age was one of the top legislative priorities of Children's Government Affairs team during the 2011 state legislative session. Government Affairs worked to have bills (SB88 and HB 279) introduced in both the House and Senate and secured the support of 55 legislative sponsors. Both bills passed their respective chambers and Children's Government Affairs team ultimately worked with House leadership and lobbied for SB88. Safe Kids Georgia also worked with Government Affairs, playing a critical role by providing behind-the-scenes support through grassroots efforts across the state.

#### **Gov. Deal Signs Proclamation Recognizing Food Allergy Awareness Week**

Gov. Deal also recently met with Karen DeMuth, M.D., an Emory-Children's Center physician in Pulmonology and Allergy, and other other representatives from the Food Allergy Kids of Atlanta to sign a proclamation recognizing Food Allergy Awareness Week.

Dr. DeMuth's work will help educate the public about the dangers of food allergies. For more information about this meeting with the Governor, visit [www.foodallergykidsatl.org](http://www.foodallergykidsatl.org).

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#### **Working Mother and Father of the Year**

In honor of Mother's Day and all of our working parents, Children's is proud to announce this year's Working Mother of the Year, Lisa Davis, and Working Father of the Year, Eddie Fagan.

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#### **View a Slideshow of Hospital Week Popsicle Parties**

Last week, Children's celebrated National Hospital Week with campus popsicle parties May 2-8. View a slideshow from the events.

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#### **Children's Goes National in Establishing Health Crisis Related to Childhood Obesity**

Friday, May 6, Ron Frieson, Children's SVP, External Affairs, appeared on NBC's *Today Show* to speak on behalf of Children's and our effort to raise awareness about the health issues related to childhood obesity.

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#### **Aflac Cancer Center Launches SurvivorLink for Patients**

The Aflac Cancer Center recently launched the **SurvivorLink** information technology system—a crucial tool to help physicians, clinical staff and patient families ensure childhood cancer survivors have optimal health and quality of life.

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#### **Clinical Staff: Take Our Vaccination Survey for a Chance to Win a \$25 Gift Card**

Take this short quiz to be entered into a drawing to win one of three \$25 gift cards.

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#### **Congratulations DAISY Award Winners**

Congratulations to DAISY Award winners **Lauren Cunningham, Ann Railey and Natalie Tillman**.

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#### **91 Children's Nurses Nominated for Nursing Excellence Awards**

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution and ajcjobs.com recognized National Nurses Week (May 6-12) with a "Celebrating Nurses" section and a special write-up of Nursing Excellence Awards winners in the May 1 edition.

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**Georgia Trend Selects Donna**