



# Vaccines For Children (VFC) Program

Tennessee Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and  
Immunization Program

# Why should you join VFC?

- Pediatric best practices include administering children's immunizations in their medical home
- Enables you to provide all ACIP-recommended vaccines to your eligible patients while reducing your out-of-pocket costs
- Enhances services you provide to populations receiving EPSDT



# How do you become a VFC Provider?

1. Contact us!
  - Email us at [VFC.Enrollment@tn.gov](mailto:VFC.Enrollment@tn.gov)
  - Call us at 800-404-3006
2. Review the VFC enrollment materials and prepare your office to meet requirements
3. Receive a VFC Enrollment Site Visit from your Regional Immunization Representative
4. Let your patients know you are now a VFC Provider!

# Visit our website!

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## TN Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

### What is the history of the Vaccines for Children Program?



The Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program was established by Congress in 1993. The VFC Program is an entitlement program (a right granted by law) for eligible children, age 18 years and younger. VFC helps families of children who may not otherwise have access to vaccines by providing free vaccines to doctors who serve them. VFC is administered at the national level by the CDC, that contracts with vaccine manufacturers to buy vaccines at reduced rates. Tennessee enrolls physicians who serve eligible children and provide routine immunizations. More than 600 private physicians, health department clinics, federally qualified health centers (FQHC) and rural health centers (RHC) participate in VFC in Tennessee.

### Which Children are Eligible in Tennessee?

Children from birth through 18 years of age who meet at least one of the following criteria are eligible to receive VFC vaccine:

# Vaccines for Children

Protecting America's children every day

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program helps ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccines. VFC has helped prevent disease and save lives.



CDC estimates that vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2018 will:

prevent **419 million** illnesses  
*(26.8 million hospitalizations)*



more than the current population of the entire U.S.A.

help avoid **936,000** deaths



greater than the population of Seattle, WA

save nearly **\$1.9 trillion** in total societal costs  
*(that includes \$406 billion in direct costs)*



more than \$5,000 for each American

Updated 2018 analysis using methods from "Benefits from Immunization during the Vaccines for Children Program Era—United States, 1994-2013"



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[www.cdc.gov/features/vfcprogram](http://www.cdc.gov/features/vfcprogram)

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