

## Alabama



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Amy Carr has dedicated her life to improving the health and well-being of infants and children, including making sure they are immunized. Since starting her nursing career in 1976, she has been a pediatric nurse, worked as a nurse in special care and intermediate care nurseries, and taught nursing. Ms. Carr is currently the Nurse Manager for University of Alabama at Birmingham Primary Care Clinic, the continuity primary care practice for the pediatric residents in training at The Children's Hospital of Alabama.

In this role, Ms. Carr and her staff guide the pediatric residents in training to help them acquire the knowledge and competencies essential for the comprehensive care of infants and children who have a wide variety of medical, social, and behavioral problems. Immunization is emphasized as a critical part of this care. In the clinical setting, Ms. Carr also regularly educates the parents of infants about the recommended vaccines.

Ms. Carr and her staff participate in the education process for the 75 pediatric residents. As a team, they work with the residents to provide patient care, including immunization, to over 4,500 children. In addition, Ms. Carr was one of the first to volunteer her clinic to serve as a pilot provider when the State Immunization Registry (ImmPRINT) was being introduced to clinics outside of the local county health departments. Her input was invaluable in helping to make changes and updates to the registry in its beginning stages.

Ms. Carr's longstanding commitment to the health and well-being of children, including making sure they are immunized, makes her Alabama's *CDC Childhood Immunization Champion*.