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Family and Consumer Sciences in Muscogee County is a non-traditional program focusing on serving families through the Great Start Georgia Home Visiting Programs and First Steps. Three home-visiting programs are offered: Parents As teachers, Healthy Families Georgia, and Nurse-Family partnership. The selected models fit our community and help us meet the program outcomes of: improving maternal and child health, preventing child maltreatment, injuries, ER visits, improve school readiness/achievement, reduce domestic violence, improve family economic self-sufficiency, and improve coordination of resources and support. Citizens in the county are also offered educational sessions on chronic disease, nutrition, childcare provider training, and programs for seniors.

County media: Columbus Ledger, The Columbus Times, Clear Channel Radio, Davis Broadcasting, Channel 9, 3, 38, 99 & CCGTV.

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