



Fulton County District 5 News

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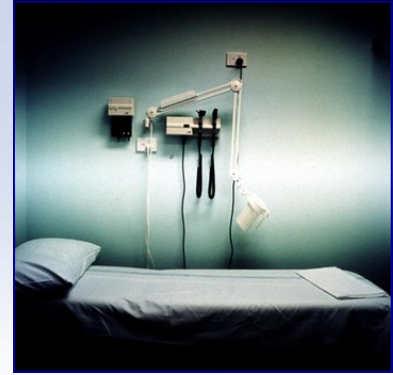


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Grady Hospital Rated “Worst Than Expected” by Online Hospital Rating Service

In a section called “Patient Safety Ratings,” Grady Memorial Hospital was rated “worse than expected” by Healthgrades.com in the following areas:

- Prevention of death in procedures where mortality is usually very low
- Lack of pressure sores and bed sores acquired in the hospital
- Ability to diagnose and treat in time
- Avoidance of collapsed lung due to a procedure or surgery in or around the chest
- Lack of deep blood clots in lungs or legs after surgery
- Avoidance of severe infection following surgery



Source: Patient Safety: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for 2006-2008

[For more information view the “Grady Memorial Hospital Patient Safety Ratings”, Healthgrades.com at “www.emmadarnell.com”](http://www.healthgrades.com)



Georgia Funds to Grady Hospital Delayed

State funding to Grady Hospital under the Indigent Trust Care Fund (ICTF) due December 31, 2009 in the amount of \$39.6 million dollars has been “delayed”, according to the “Independent Auditor’s Report (Grady Hospital Corporation)”. It is not clear how the delay affects the Hospital’s Operations “bottom – line”.

Under the ICTF Program, Grady contributes funds to be used by the state in the Medicaid Program that are then supplemented by federal funds. The “contribution dollars” are then returned to Grady as an additional Medicaid inpatient reimbursement. Although an “interim” disbursement of the annual ICTF funding is typically disbursed in December of each year, in December 2009 the payment was delayed. To provide the cash

required to operate the hospital, Grady Hospital has only two “financing sources” according to the Auditor, “(Fulton and Dekalb) Counties and (the combined state/federal) Indigent Care Trust Fund (ICTF).”

Fulton County Identifies English Avenue Community Projects

In response to resident requests, Fulton County officials have identified four (4) primary areas of service delivery within the English Avenue and Vine City Communities, City of Atlanta: (1) HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention, (2) Substance Abuse Education and Treatment, (3) Homelessness and (4) Unemployment.



Located at the Fulton County Neighborhood Union Regional Health Center, the Common Ground “One-Stop” Program will also provide assistance to residents in Community Outreach and Information Projects. Participating departments include the Departments of Health Services, Human Services, Workforce Development, Mental Health, and Environment and Community Development.

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Board of Commissioners Re-Affirms Prohibition of Racial - Profiling - Opposes Arizona “Anti-Immigration” Law

The Fulton County Board of Commissioners voted to oppose the Arizona “Anti-Immigration” Law and re-affirm Board policy prohibiting racial profiling by law enforcement agencies.

Voting YES: Boxill, Darnell, Eaves, Edwards

Voting NO: Lowe, Riley

NOT Voting: Pitts

“The subject legislation” is not simply “Anti-Immigration, it is also Anti-American,” Commissioner Darnell stated. “Fulton County is one of the most diverse communities in the nation. However, the BOC opposes the Arizona legislation not because of who we are – but rather because of what we are and what we believe – as citizens of the United States.”

Current Issues: Racial Profiling Quarterly Report: Over 90% Traffic Stops in Fulton County African-American Drivers

For the period, January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010, over 90% of “traffic stops” by Fulton County Law Enforcement agencies involved African-American drivers according to a (quarterly) report to the Board of Commissioners:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Total Stopped</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
Police	1,715	1,387	269	36
Sheriff	368	316	37	0

Officials emphasized that a “number of factors other than bias” can influence decisions to stop drivers or individuals including “characteristics of the driver population” and “officer characteristics”. The meaning of these terms will be clarified in an addendum to the report.

Commissioner Darnell emphasized the need to provide objective data such as the # of traffic tickets issued to support a disproportionate number of traffic stops of African-American drivers.

[Visit “www.emmadarnell.com” for the complete "Racial Profiling Quarterly Report"](http://www.emmadarnell.com)

Senior Center Vehicles Assignments

ATS, the Atlanta Transportation Service has reported the (regular) assignment of the following vehicles to Fulton County Centers including the Dogwood, New Horizons, and Northside Shepherd Neighborhood Senior Centers:

Center	Vehicles Assigned
Auburn Neighborhood Senior Center	131
Bethlehem Neighborhood Senior Center	115, 125
Dogwood Neighborhood Senior Center	119, 124, 144
New Horizons Neighborhood Senior Center	118, 141, 145
Northside Shepherd Neighborhood Senior Center	130
St. Paul Neighborhood Senior Center	112
Southeast Neighborhood Senior Center	122
Harriett G. Darnell Adult Day Care	138, 142
Helene S. Mills Adult Day Care	126, 127, 144
Central Training Center	115, 117, 118, 141, 145
North Training Center	114, 119, 128, 129
Back-up Vehicles	121, 139, 140, 143