



Illinois State Project

Illinois Grantee
Covering Kids Illinois

GRANT AMOUNT: \$1,000,000

START DATE: January 1, 1999

INTERVENTION: Incentive payments
Businesses
Schools
Door-to-door
CBO Training
Faith
Providers
Child Care

TARGET POPULATIONS: Providers
Immigrant
Adolescents
African-American
Latino/Hispanic
Asian American

Grant Overview

This grant initiative seeks to identify and enroll an estimated 156,000 uninsured Illinois children who are eligible either for the Medicaid program or the federally approved State Children's Health Insurance Program, which are known in Illinois as KidCare. Goals include streamlining application and eligibility verification processes, formalizing referral systems, creating statewide education efforts and developing community-based outreach efforts.

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DuPage County Project



Illinois Pilot Project

Decatur/Macon County Project

INTERVENTION: Businesses
Schools
CBO Training
Faith

TARGET POPULATIONS: Rural/Frontier
African-American

Pilot Overview

This project will educate families about the availability of Medicaid and KidCare, increase outstation sites in the pilot communities and assist families in the application process. The project will emphasize the business community in its outreach strategies by working with the Decatur Chamber of Commerce and concentrating efforts on restaurants and small businesses. It will develop a rural outreach strategy utilizing schools and clubs such as Kiwanis and 4-H. A local media initiative will solicit cooperation with local television stations and newspapers.

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Illinois Pilot Project

DuPage County Project

INTERVENTION: Door-to-door
Hospitals
Schools
CBO Training
Providers

TARGET POPULATIONS: Latino/Hispanic
Adolescents

Pilot Overview

This project seeks to: inform families about enrollment opportunities with Medicaid and KidCare; assist families with the enrollment process; increase the number of outstation sites as allowed by the Medicaid program to simplify the enrollment process; and coordinate outreach efforts with Healthy Families DuPage and the Family Case Management Program. An innovative strategy to reach the Hispanic population will be employed through the Hispanic Outreach and Health Education Project of the College of DuPage. Hispanic students will be trained in Medicaid and KidCare eligibility and enrollment issues and will help enroll children at churches and community events. In pursuing its goals, the project will distribute special tool kits to locations considered as future outstation enrollment sites. Enrollment will be conducted through the schools.

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