



Mississippi State Project

[Covering Kids: Healthy Measures for Mississippi's Children](#)

GRANT AMOUNT: \$998,275

START DATE: February 1, 1999

INTERVENTION: Businesses
Electronic Application
Schools

Grant Overview

A broad collaboration of 92 agencies and organizations led by the Mississippi Forum on Children and Families has developed a set of innovative interventions designed to increase the number of low-income, uninsured children enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP. Mississippi's Covering Kids project is committed to enrolling 95 percent of all eligible children in the three pilot site counties and 50 percent of the eligible children from the 79 remaining counties. Incorporated into the community-based pilot projects are outstationed eligibility workers at two sites with outreach responsibilities, one site with an outreach coordinator and an electronic application, all of which support the individual community collaborations formed to increase the enrollment of low-income, uninsured children in Medicaid and CHIP health plans.

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STATE PILOT PROJECTS: [Coahoma County](#)

[Lauderdale County](#)

[Desoto County](#)



Mississippi Pilot Project

Coahoma County

INTERVENTION: Providers
Schools
Businesses
Electronic Application

Pilot Overview

The Covering Kids lead agency, the Mississippi Forum on Children and Families, partners with the Aaron E. Henry Health Care Center and the Coahoma County Department of Human Services to place an outstationed eligibility worker in Coahoma County. Time is shared for this worker to determine eligibility through the Department of Human Services and to do outreach and enrollment throughout the county. A very strong coalition has been established within the community with the schools, local businesses, and health centers/providers through this outreach program and significant progress has been made in enrollment of eligible children in this pilot project.

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Mississippi Pilot Project

Lauderdale County

INTERVENTION: Schools
Providers
Businesses
Electronic Application
Americorp Volunteers

Pilot Overview

The Covering Kids lead agency, the Mississippi Forum on Children and Families partners with the Lauderdale County Department of Health and Lauderdale County Department of Human Services to place an outstationed eligibility worker in the Health Department. Time is shared for this worker to determine eligibility as well as work within the community doing outreach and enrollment events. A strong coalition of organizations and local businesses has been established through this outreach program and significant progress has been made in enrollment of eligible children in this pilot project.

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Mississippi Pilot Project

Desoto County

INTERVENTION: CBO Training
Businesses
Schools
Electronic Application
Faith

Pilot Overview

The Covering Kids lead agency, the Mississippi Forum on Children and Families, partners with the DeSoto Family Resource Center/DeSoto County School District to place the outreach coordinator for Covering Kids in DeSoto County. The site established this outreach coordinator position October 2000. Efforts since that time have resulted in DeSoto County recording the state's largest percent increase in the enrollment of eligible children. The part time outreach coordinator has established a very strong coalition within the community through the schools, local businesses and health through this outreach program and significant progress has been made in enrollment of eligible children in this pilot project.

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