



## Oregon State Project

Oregon Grantee  
Oregon Covering Kids Initiative

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$930,413

**START DATE:** January 1, 1999

**INTERVENTION:** Schools  
Door-to-door  
CBO Training

**TARGET POPULATIONS:** Latino/Hispanic  
Adolescents  
Rural/Frontier  
Homeless

### Grant Overview

Oregon's Covering Kids Initiative combines state- and local-level initiatives to design and conduct outreach programs, simplify enrollment and coordinate existing coverage programs for low-income children. Three key state partners - Oregon Health Access Project, Children First for Oregon and the Oregon Health Division - are responsible for implementation of different state-level strategies. Three pilot projects are designed to complement and enhance state-level efforts by targeting special populations with high rates of uninsurance in distinct geographic areas. The pilot sites include Outside (homeless youth) In Portland, Health Network for Rural Schools in rural eastern Union county and La Clinica del Valle in Southern Oregon (targeting Hispanics). The Oregon Health Division acts as the lead agency for the initiative.

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**STATE PILOT PROJECTS:** [Health Network for Rural Schools](#)

La Clinica del Valle

School Kids/Street Kids



## Oregon Pilot Project

Health Network for Rural Schools

**INTERVENTION:** Schools  
Door-to-door  
Providers  
Events

**TARGET POPULATIONS:** Rural/Frontier

### Pilot Overview

The Health Network for Rural Schools (HNRS) is a program whose purpose is to promote the healthy growth and development of youth in the five school districts in rural Union County in eastern Oregon. The HNRS pilot project will develop an outreach component and provide access to coverage to preschool, elementary and high school age children. Two outreach workers will conduct outreach in the community regarding health insurance options and provide direct support for families to enroll low-income children in health insurance programs.

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## Oregon Pilot Project

La Clinica del Valle

**TARGET POPULATIONS:** Latino/Hispanic

### Pilot Overview

La Clinica del Valle is a non-profit federally qualified health clinic targeting Hispanics in southern Oregon. La Clinica will create an outreach program to improve the health coverage of Hispanic children. This outreach program will:

1) design and conduct outreach activities to assist Hispanic children in enrolling in CHIP, Medicaid or other programs; 2) develop a system to simplify the enrollment process and provide application assistance; and 3) coordinate with existing community organizations. La Clinica has formed a partnership with a sister clinic in adjoining Klamath county with Klamath Open Door Family Practice. This has doubled their success in reaching southern Oregon's growing migrant and resident low-income Hispanic population.

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## Oregon Pilot Project

School Kids/Street Kids

**INTERVENTION:** Schools  
Providers

**TARGET POPULATIONS:** Adolescents  
Homeless

### Pilot Overview

Outside-In, representing a coalition of five Portland-based homeless youth-serving agencies, and Children First for Oregon providing statewide leadership in advocating for childrens issues and services, have joined together in a collaborative effort to increase access to health care for both in-school and out-of-school kids. The pilot project serves the metropolitan Portland area, which has the greatest number of uninsured children in the state. The life situations, location and means of health care access of in-school youth and homeless youth, who are generally out of school, differ greatly. Different strategies must be employed. By working collaboratively, the School Kids/Street Kids project intends to demonstrate a combination of innovative interventions employed in one geographic region to improve access to health care for children.

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