



## Rhode Island State Project

### Covering Kids Rhode Island

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$787,564

**START DATE:** July 1, 1999

**INTERVENTION:** Schools  
Faith  
Businesses  
CBO Training  
Providers  
Temporary Employment Agencies  
Sports Associations

**TARGET POPULATIONS:** Providers  
Latino/Hispanic  
Immigrant

### **Grant Overview**

Covering Kids Rhode Island will implement community outreach and systems strategies designed to enroll all eligible children in three pilot communities; Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls. It is estimated that more than 50 percent of the 17,000 uninsured children in Rhode Island live in these three contiguous communities. Three local Covering Kids coordinators will staff local coalitions that include a variety of stakeholders (DHS outreach workers, family resource counselors, medical professionals, and business and civic leaders) committed to the goal of enrolling all eligible children. Each of these pilot communities will design, implement and document the effectiveness of selected strategies to increase enrollment of uninsured children. The coordinators will work with the state and local coalitions to eliminate or minimize barriers to enrollment and document lessons learned.

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**STATE PILOT PROJECTS:** [Pawtucket](#)

Providence

Central Falls



## Rhode Island Pilot Project

Pawtucket

**INTERVENTION:** Schools

### Pilot Overview

Covering Kids Pawtucket will design and implement strategies focused on schools. The goal is to work with the school district and school-linked programs to set up systems for RItE Care enrollment that extend beyond the grant period. The local coalition leader for Covering Kids Pawtucket is the Pawtucket School System's Cunningham School Family Center. Strategies to be developed in Pawtucket include: setting up systems to maximize RItE Care enrollment for participants in various school-linked services provided through the school system, including adult education classes (ESL, GED, Basic Education), family center activities and after-school programs; incorporating RItE Care information into all school health programs (immunizations, school physicals, school-based health centers, etc.); setting up systems to connect RItE Care enrollment to the school lunch and school breakfast application process; setting up systems to incorporate RItE Care enrollment at the time of kindergarten registration.

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## Rhode Island Pilot Project

Providence

**INTERVENTION:** Providers

### **Pilot Overview**

Covering Kids Providence will design and implement strategies focused on primary health care sites, including St. Joseph's Hospital, Hasbro Children's Hospital. The local coalition leader for Covering Kids Providence is St. Joseph's Hospital. Strategies to be developed in Providence include: setting up systems to ensure that all clients who use any of the hospital's services are enrolled in RItE Care if eligible (if not eligible they will be screened for free care); educating business office staff and front line staff on RItE Care Enrollment ; and working with the statewide Covering Kids coordinator and statewide coalition to secure DHS Medicaid matching funds for eligibility determination and enrollment activities in the hospitals and health centers.

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## Rhode Island Pilot Project

Central Falls

**INTERVENTION:** Faith  
Businesses  
CBO Training  
Schools

**TARGET POPULATIONS:** Latino/Hispanic

### Pilot Overview

Covering Kids Central Falls will design and implement strategies focused on enrolling eligible Latino and immigrant children. The local coalition leader for the Covering Kids Central Falls is Progreso Latino. Strategies to be developed in Central Falls include: developing systems to enroll all eligible children who use services at Progreso Latino, Central Falls Family Support Center and Proyecto Esperanza; implementing outreach and enrollment strategies at a wide range of community-based sites, including churches, sports events, small businesses (laundromats, hair salons, pharmacies), ethnic festivals and other community events; developing and implementing strategies to reach families that work in small businesses, manufacturing and temporary employment; documenting strategies that work and barriers to enrollment for Latino and immigrant families. The coordinator will actively participate on RIte Care's Hispanic/Immigrant Issues Work Group.

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