



## Texas State Project

[Project Alberto: Texas Outreach Initiative](#)

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$994,503

**START DATE:** January 1, 1999

**INTERVENTION:** CBO Training

**TARGET POPULATIONS:** All Texas children eligible for Medicaid or CHIP

### Grant Overview

Of the approximately 1.4 million uninsured children in Texas, an estimated 658,000 are estimated eligible for Medicaid but are not enrolled. Working in partnership with key state officials, and state and local coalition members, innovative strategies to increase the enrollment of uninsured children into Medicaid and CHIP have been developed. In Texas, the Project, Alberto-Covering Kids Initiative has five main components: 1) Conduct statewide research studies measuring the financial impact of policy changes to the state Medicaid Budget to educate policy-makers about simplifying Medicaid children's programs; 2) Design and conduct outreach and training programs for promotoras and outreach staff, including providing technical assistance and disseminating information to local communities via the Outreach Resource Center; 3) Implement two children's Medicaid Simplified Enrollment pilots in Fannin, Hunt and Cameron Counties, testing elimination of the face-to-face interview; 4) Implement one Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility pilot for children in Bexar County; and 5) Provide portable Medicaid and CHIP coverage for migrant farmworker children.

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**STATE PILOT PROJECTS:** [Bexar County \(Presumptive Eligibility Pilot\)](#)

[Fannin and Hunt Counties](#)

[Cameron County \(Simplified Enrollment Pilot\)](#)



## Texas Pilot Project

Bexar County (Presumptive Eligibility Pilot)

**INTERVENTION:** Providers  
CBO Training  
Schools  
Promotora

**TARGET POPULATIONS:** All children eligible for Medicaid or CHIP living in Bexar County

### Pilot Overview

The goal of this pilot project is to assess the impact of presumptive eligibility for children, coupled with application assistance, on Medicaid, the clients and the providers in Bexar County. Presumptive eligibility for children who apply for Medicaid via outstationed eligibility workers at or about the same time that they are receiving covered Medicaid services will be tested and evaluated. This project implements an outreach initiative in partnership with key coalition members representing vital sectors of the community, such as providers, health plans and local eligibility offices.

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## Texas Pilot Project

Fannin and Hunt Counties

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

**TARGET POPULATIONS:** Rural/Frontier  
All children eligible for Medicaid or Chip living in  
Hunt and Fannin Counties

### Pilot Overview

The goal of this project is to assess the impact of implementing a simplified enrollment process for Medicaid, by eliminating the face-to-face interview and using a mail-in-application for the initial application and at the six-month review period. This project seeks to enroll uninsured children living in Hunt and Fannin Counties, a rural/frontier area of the state where transportation is a major barrier. Local outstationed eligibility workers will work in partnership with outreach staff to reach the greatest number of children possible.

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## Texas Pilot Project

Cameron County (Simplified Enrollment Pilot)

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

**TARGET POPULATIONS:** All children eligible for Medicaid or Chip living in Cameron County, primarily Hispanic

### Pilot Overview

The goal of this project is to assess the impact of implementing a simplified enrollment process for Medicaid, by eliminating the face-to-face interview and using a mail in application for the initial application and at the six-month review period. This project seeks to enroll uninsured children living in Cameron County, including those residing in unincorporated rural communities called colonias, and in migrant farmworker communities, using an extensive network of promotoras. Outstationed eligibility workers will be used to process the applications.

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