



Connecticut Covering Kids & Families Initiative

GRANT OVERVIEW

Connecticut Voices for Children, as lead agency for Covering Connecticut's Kids and Families, has continued the work that began with the Covering Connecticut's Kids initiative to ensure that uninsured children and families obtain health care coverage. The Covering Connecticut's Kids and Families statewide coalition is a diverse group of organizations representing health care providers, advocacy organizations, state agencies, health plans, outreach projects, child care providers, schools and other groups. The coalition has strong support from the Department of Social Services, the lead agency for Medicaid and SCHIP in Connecticut.

GRANT AMOUNT

Children: \$950,000

Adults: \$200,000

START DATE

January 1, 2002

END DATE

December 31, 2005

TARGET POPULATIONS

Adolescents

Adults

INTERVENTIONS

Business

Parent to parent

Providers

Schools

LEAD ORGANIZATION

Connecticut Voices for Children

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Local Projects in Connecticut

Bridgeport/Stratford

East of the River



Bridgeport/Stratford

GRANT OVERVIEW

Bridgeport/Stratford Local Project: The Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition (BCAC) HUSKY Outreach Initiative serves Bridgeport and Stratford, Connecticut and is committed to ensuring that all children and their families eligible for HUSKY are enrolled and retain their benefits.

Primary activities of the BCAC HUSKY Outreach Initiative include convening a coalition of representatives of health and social service agencies and HUSKY outreach workers to:

- * Ensure that staff has updated information on HUSKY enrollment and renewal policies and procedures.
- * Provide a forum for training on HUSKY-related issues. Topics in the past have included immigration and child support as they relate to HUSKY and presumptive eligibility.
- * Identify and address barriers to enrollment and renewal for children and their families, including defining strategies to simplify and coordinate the application and eligibility process particularly between HUSKY A and B.
- * Provide outreach and education/training to community-based providers on HUSKY-related policies.
- * Provide outreach and education/training to parents, particularly to immigrant parents and other hard-to-reach populations.
- * Provide application assistance to parents applying for HUSKY.

TARGET POPULATIONS

Adolescents
Adults
Immigrant families

INTERVENTIONS

Business
Community-based organizations

LOCAL ORGANIZATION

Bridgeport/Stratford

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East of the River

GRANT OVERVIEW

The East of the River HUSKY Collaborative site includes local and state social service agencies, community organizations and schools from ten towns located in Eastern Connecticut. The goal is to educate families and enroll them in the HUSKY program. The project's home, within a hospital system, allows immediate access to many families in need of health care coverage. Interventions include education and training for medical and health care providers, schools, the business community, faith based organizations, consumers and other local community agencies. The Covering Connecticut's Kids and Families Automated Client Tracking System is used to monitor families' health care coverage and use the data to design specific interventions. In addition, Parent Leaders have been trained to act as liaisons to other parents and assist them with applying for HUSKY.

TARGET POPULATIONS

Adolescents
Adults

INTERVENTIONS

Business
Community-based organizations
Parent/family network
School based health centers
WIC
Schools

LOCAL ORGANIZATION

East of the River

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