



Hawai'i Covering Kids & Families Initiative

GRANT OVERVIEW

Hawai'i has over 29,000 uninsured children and youth, approximately 21,000 of whom are eligible for Medicaid. QUEST is the state's managed care program and Medicaid Fee-for-Service pays for health benefits for those who are certified blind or disabled. These health insurance plans, administered by Med-QUEST, were expanded in July 2000 for children and youth up to 200% FPL, including legal immigrants and migrants from the Freely Associated States. The Hawai'i *Covering Kids & Families* project will establish seamless and simplified health insurance eligibility and renewal processes with the expectation that all children and youth will be covered by health insurance. The state coalition will link and coordinate public and private efforts, network effective practices, and provide a forum for the development of promising new strategies to reach, enroll and retain eligible uninsured children and youth. The major outreach target groups will be 1) adolescents (ages 14-18 years old), 2) young adults (ages 18 to 19 years old), 3) immigrant children and youth, 4) grandparents raising grandchildren, 5) businesses, labor unions and associations, 6) students of health care professions, 7) hospital emergency rooms, and 8) Native Hawaiians. Our coalition will simplify the enrollment and renewal processes so families have positive experiences with Medicaid programs and eligible children and youth stay enrolled. The Hawai'i *Covering Kids & Families* project will expand implementation of its electronic application, advocate for self-declaration of income and assets, help the state develop information in appropriate languages, research one-year of continuous eligibility, and develop a child and pregnant woman application. It will also continue its informational web site (www.coveringkids.com) with downloadable Medicaid forms. Public-private partnerships will expand through annual conferences for federal, state and community participants and neighborhood workshops will be held to inform parents and guardians about health insurance options for their children. Two local projects, located in the North Shore area of O`ahu and on the island of Kaua`i, will model innovative and creative approaches to coordinated outreach and increased enrollment with better retention.

GRANT AMOUNT

Children: \$70,000

START DATE

June 1, 2002

END DATE

May 31, 2006

TARGET POPULATIONS

Adolescents
General audience
Grandparents
Immigrant families
Native Hawaiians
Seasonal workers

INTERVENTIONS

AARP
Boys & girls clubs
Business
Chamber of commerce
Provider/Clinic Sites
Electronic application
Faith based sites
Hospital ERs
Training/presentation
Colleges/universities
Schools

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Local Projects in Hawaii

Kahuku Hospital
Ho`ola Lahui Hawai`i



Kahuku Hospital

GRANT OVERVIEW

The Kahuku Local Project is focused on innovative strategies for rural hospital outreach and creating a data tracking system for Kahuku Hospital's social services department and emergency room. One full-time outreach worker and one part-time inreach worker will establish referral systems with schools, health care providers, and community agencies such as WIC, Head Start, Healthy Start, Queen Lili`uokalani Children's Center and Child and Family Services. Their efforts, combined with the data program, can be replicated by other rural hospitals in Hawai`i to improve health insurance enrollment and retention for children and youth.

TARGET POPULATIONS

Rural families
Seasonal workers

INTERVENTIONS

Application assister
Provider/Clinic Sites
WIC
Schools

LOCAL ORGANIZATION

Kahuku Hospital

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Ho`ola Lahui Hawai`i

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The Kaua`i Local Project is modeling a strong, coordinated and centralized program among health care providers including dentists, physicians and mental health practitioners. Two outreach workers will assist families with health insurance enrollment and conduct informational and training workshops on Med-QUEST's processes, benefits and other available resources. This model can be replicated in other communities, especially on the Neighbor Islands.

TARGET POPULATIONS

Native Hawaiians
Rural families

INTERVENTIONS

Application assister
Provider/Clinic Sites
Hospital ERs
Social services offices

LOCAL ORGANIZATION

Ho`ola Lahui Hawai`i

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