



Rhode Island Covering Kids & Families Initiative

GRANT OVERVIEW

Covering Kids & Families Rhode Island is a partnership of public and private organizations dedicated to ensuring that all children have access to health care. Covering Kids and Families Rhode Island works statewide and in three pilot communities to ensure that all children and adults eligible for RIte Care or RIte Share are enrolled and retain their coverage. The goals of Covering Kids and Families Rhode Island are to: reduce the number of uninsured children and parents in Rhode Island; enroll eligible children and adults in RIte Care/RIte Share; simplify enrollment and renewal processes; and coordinate existing health coverage programs. The Statewide coalition has two sub-groups that focus on 1) retention issues and strategies to reduce the "churn" of members on and off of RIte Care/RIte Share and 2) strengthening the Family Resource Counselor (FRC) Network to build sustainability and integration of the program. The FRCs are located in community health centers, hospitals and a community based organization; they serve as outstationed eligibility workers to assist clients with completing the application and re-enrollment processes.

GRANT AMOUNT

Children: \$700,000

Adults: \$200,000

START DATE

September 1, 2002

END DATE

August 31, 2006

TARGET POPULATIONS

Adults
Children

INTERVENTIONS

Community-based organizations
Hospitals
Media campaigns
Schools

LEAD ORGANIZATION

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Local Projects in Rhode Island

Pawtucket



Pawtucket

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The focus of the Pawtucket pilot site is to design and implement strategies targeting enrollment of parents and their children, with special effort to reach out to parents through existing service systems, adult education, unemployment offices and other adult focused providers. The local coalition leader is the Pawtucket School Department COZ Family Center.

TARGET POPULATIONS

Adults

INTERVENTIONS

Adult literacy programs
Unemployment agencies
Welfare to work programs

LOCAL ORGANIZATION

Pawtucket

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