



Healthy Kids
A Healthy Colorado

CROSSING THE FINISH LINE TOGETHER. SCORING A WIN FOR EVERY COLORADO CHILD.

Colorado Children's Campaign • Colorado Covering Kids and Families,
Metro Organizations for People • Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved

Because of the hard work and commitment of Colorado leaders, our state is making real progress toward covering uninsured children. Eight out of 10 kids are now covered, and the All Kids Covered Initiative is working to ensure that all Colorado children have access to affordable, quality health care.

Still, more than **150,000 Colorado children are uninsured** – enough to fill every seat in Invesco Field two times over – and that's too many. Colorado ranks a dismal seventh in the nation for the percentage of children in the state without health insurance and **last in the nation** for covering children who are living in poverty.

All Kids Covered wants all children in Colorado to have coverage through insurance or public programs that ensures access to a medical home providing appropriate and affordable health services. As a non-partisan coalition of more than 30 organizations, we advocate for sound policy and build public will.

We are committed to helping kids reach their fullest potential by making it easier for them to enroll in health insurance programs, improving the quality of services they receive, and expanding options for health care coverage.

Research has shown that more than half of all uninsured children in Colorado are already eligible for public health programs, yet these 78,000 children are not enrolled. Additionally, 25 percent of the children who *are* enrolled are likely to be dropped during re-enrollment periods due to complicated paperwork, even though they remain in every way eligible for either Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) or Medicaid. The high number of children drifting on and off coverage compromises medically-necessary continuity of care for children.

All Kids Covered is also working to support our private health care market to ensure private coverage remains available and affordable to the 855,000 children who are privately insured and the nearly **75,000 uninsured children who are not eligible for public programs.**

Together, we can reduce the number of uninsured children by broadening support for kids' health care in Colorado and adopting critical, common-sense policies that:

- 1. Reform our public health insurance programs to work better for kids and families**
- 2. Assure long-term program availability for Colorado kids**
- 3. Expand health coverage (public and private) for children**
- 4. Promote access to quality, appropriate care.**



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All Kids Covered Members

AARP

Autism Society of Colorado

Colorado Access

Colorado Association for School-Based Health Care

Colorado Center on Law and Policy

Colorado Children's Campaign

Colorado Children's Healthcare Access Program

Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved

Colorado Community Health Network

Colorado Consumer Health Initiative

Colorado Covering Kids and Families

Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

Colorado Medical Society

Colorado Voices for Coverage

Colorado Association of School Nurses

Denver Area Labor Federation

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