



Healthy Kids is Oregon's recently expanded health coverage for uninsured Oregon children. Our goal is to make sure that at least 95 percent of Oregon children have health insurance. No cost or low-cost coverage is available for children in low- or moderate-income families who currently are uninsured. Families who exceed income limits can buy into the program at full cost.

Healthy Kids covers all of the health care children need: medical, dental, vision, and mental and behavioral health. Coverage lasts for at least one full year and can be longer so long as the child is still eligible. Even kids with current health conditions can enroll. For a quick fact check, visit www.oregonhealthykids.gov.

SBHCs have a unique opportunity and responsibility to market Healthy Kids to an established audience of eligible children and families. Of the 25,000 children who accessed health care from Oregon SBHCs during the 2008-2009 school year, 47% reported that they had no insurance. The SBHC community must be knowledgeable and prepared to guide those children and families to the appropriate community resource for timely enrollment.

Helping kids to enroll in insurance also helps sustain SBHCs. Each of Oregon's 54 state-certified SBHCs receives a basic annual grant averaging between \$41,000-\$60,000. While SBHCs do their best to maximize the impact of every dollar, this basic grant is insufficient to support the entire annual operating cost of an average SBHC. Furthermore, this State grant is contingent on sufficient State revenues and is therefore unstable. By ensuring that every eligible child is enrolled in an insurance program, SBHCs also are able to increase revenues through billing OHP and insurance to support ongoing services.

In order to find trained application assisters to help your patients enroll in a health insurance plan, including those who speak languages other than English, please click your county on the map at: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthykids/map-assisters.shtml>.

The Network is available to answer your questions, and our staff is trained to enroll kids, too!

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