

# CHILDREN'S COVERAGE IN UTAH

## IGP Solutions to Help All Children Thrive

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# HEALTH COVERAGE AND POVERTY

- Manage chronic conditions
- Better educational attainment
- Decrease toxic stress
- Improve family economic security

*“Extremely high medical bills [are] affecting my credit score and ability to rent or buy a home.”*  
-A., Taylorsville\*



# CHALLENGES TO COVERAGE AND CARE

- 85,000 uninsured children
- 51,000 below 200% poverty
- Utah has the highest rate of
  - *Eligible* but uninsured children
  - Uninsured Hispanic children (23%)



# SOLUTIONS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- Connect families with their options
- Continuous coverage
- Improve access to care for *all*
- Remove barriers for uninsured parents



# EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

- Clear, culturally respectful outreach & education
- Cost effective: State outreach funds receive federal matching dollars



*“They need to make the community more aware of programs. It took me a lot of research to be able to get the programs...” –E., Salt Lake City*



# CONTINUOUS COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN

- 12 months of continuous eligibility
- Disrupted care leads to poorer health outcomes



# ACCESS TO CARE

- Address cultural and geographic/transportation barriers
- Preventive care for children in poverty
  - Pediatric dental care
  - Behavioral and mental health



# COVERAGE FOR PARENTS BENEFITS THE WHOLE FAMILY

- Remove the 5-year Medicaid bar for lawfully-residing immigrant pregnant women
- Coverage for parents in poverty and moving out of poverty

*“As a mother [not having health insurance] is scary, because my child is the most important person in my life.”*



# HEALTH COVERAGE HELPS FAMILIES THRIVE.

*“Medicaid help[ed] my family excellent[ly] because now they have excellent health.”*



- Outreach & information
- 12 month continuous eligibility
- Improve access to care
- Remove the 5-year wait for immigrant pregnant women
- Close the coverage gap for parents and individuals



# THANK YOU

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