

# Health Coalition for Children and Youth

- American Diabetes Association
- American Lung Association, WA Chapter
- Benton Franklin Community Health Alliance
- Cedar River Group
- Children's Alliance
- Children's Home Society of Washington
- CHOICE Regional Health Network
- Communities Connect
- Community Health Plan
- Community Health Network of Washington
- Community Minded Enterprises
- Group Health Cooperative
- King County Project Access
- Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle
- Lutheran Public Policy Office of Washington State
- March of Dimes, WA Chapter
- Mary Bridge Children's Hospital – MultiCare Health System
- Molina Healthcare of Washington
- National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, WA Chapter
- National Association of Social Workers, Washington State Chapter
- Northwest Health Law Advocates
- Northwest International Health Action Coalition
- Planned Parenthood of Western Washington
- Public Health - Seattle & King County
- Sacred Heart Children's Hospital
- School Nurse Organization of Washington
- Sea Mar Community Health Centers
- Seattle Children's Hospital
- SEIU Healthcare 1199NW
- SEIU WA State Council
- Solid Ground
- Statewide Poverty Action Network
- Swedish Medical Center
- Washington Association Churches
- Washington Association of Community and Migrant Health Centers
- Washington Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics
- Washington Community Action Network
- Washington Dental Service Foundation
- Washington Health Foundation
- Washington State Hospital Association
- Washington State Nurses Association
- Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO
- Washington State Oral Health Coalition
- WithinReach
- Yakima County Health Care Coalition

## Restore Funding for Apple Health for Kids Outreach

Apple Health for Kids provides comprehensive and affordable health coverage for children in our state. The Senate's budget proposal completely eliminates funding for outreach activities. The ability to leverage future federal performance bonuses, in the millions, relies on our ability to identify and enroll eligible children through successful outreach strategies.

### Outreach brings in federal funding

Our state's outreach and enrollment efforts have received national recognition – Washington won a **\$7.5 million federal performance bonus for its achievements in enrolling Medicaid children (below 200% FPL) in 2009**. Ongoing investments in outreach are essential for our state to receive bonuses in 2010 and beyond.

### From the field:

*A family came in with a boy who had had tooth pain for months. The mother had been using home remedies as she had given up on getting Medicaid. She'd been trying for a year to get coverage and just couldn't make it happen. I got them approved for medical coupons within a day, connected to the dental clinic the following day, and all the other children in the family covered for medical care as well.*

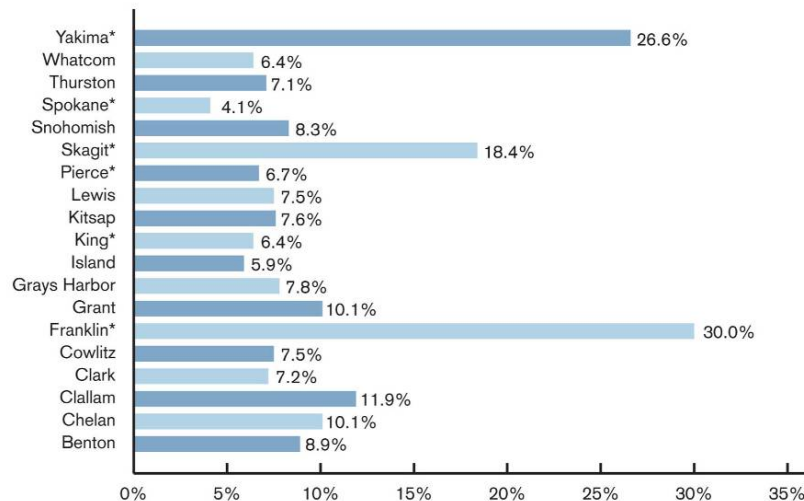
~ King County Children's Health Initiative Outreach Worker

The \$425,000 state investment is matched by federal funds—in addition to the bonus funds we have secured.

### Outreach is essential to our goal of Covering All Kids

Outreach workers find families with uninsured in their communities, help them enroll and renew their coverage, and make sure they know how to access health services and make healthy choices. This is an ongoing need; there is always another family that becomes newly eligible due to changing circumstances such as the loss of a job or benefits, or who simply hasn't heard about Apple Health for Kids. In all corners of Washington there are uninsured children – and outreach workers there to help them.

**Figure 2: Percent of children lacking health insurance in Washington's largest counties, 2008**



Source: Washington KIDS COUNT analysis of American Communities Survey 2008 1-Year Estimates  
 Note: Counties with rates statistically significant from the state average (6.8 percent) are denoted with \*\*\*.

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