



**CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE**

*Speaking Out for Washington's Children Since 1983*

# Strengthen Apple Health for Kids

## No child should go without health care

To contribute to our state's future, children need the competitive edge of a great education. Apple Health for Kids helps children stay healthy and able to learn.

Apple Health for Kids is affordable, comprehensive, preventive health coverage for children. It prevents ordinary childhood illnesses from becoming costly, lifelong problems. For the cost of a single admission to the hospital for an asthma attack, we can provide health coverage to a child for two years.

Washington's leaders have spent five years thoughtfully building a children's health coverage system that's become a national model.

But health coverage is not reaching all kids. Nearly 100,000 Washington children, a disproportionate number of whom are children of color, remain uninsured.

Together, we have the expertise to break down the barriers keeping health care from our children. This legislative session is our chance to strengthen Apple Health for Kids.

Our priority for the 2013 legislative session is this:



**Reverse unaffordable monthly premiums** imposed on hundreds of children in immigrant families. It doesn't matter where you come from: here in Washington, our families should have access to the health care that builds strong kids. Cost for the 2013-2015 biennium: \$714,000.





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### Enrollment in Apple Health for Kids, 2012

County	Children enrolled	Total children*	% using Apple Health
Adams	5,908	6,563	90%
Asotin	2,441	4,757	51%
Benton	23,152	47,271	49%
Chelan	12,134	18,113	67%
Clallam	7,033	12,853	55%
Clark	49,235	112,721	44%
Columbia	435	816	53%
Cowlitz	13,884	24,578	56%
Douglas	5,783	10,376	56%
Ferry	960	1,510	64%
Franklin	19,061	26,575	72%
Garfield	198	453	44%
Grant	19,404	26,736	73%
Grays Harbor	9,635	16,015	60%
Island	4,676	16,486	28%
Jefferson	2,185	4,481	49%
King	147,136	413,278	36%
Kitsap	18,278	56,505	32%
Kittitas	3,498	7,365	47%
Klickitat	2,589	4,470	58%
Lewis	10,556	17,355	61%
Lincoln	1,052	2,399	44%
Mason	6,862	12,139	57%
Okanogan	7,556	9,663	78%
Pacific	2,241	3,766	60%
Pend Oreille	1,603	2,808	57%
Pierce	83,463	198,806	42%
San Juan	946	2,492	38%
Skagit	15,982	27,706	58%
Skamania	1,014	2,457	41%
Snohomish	63,541	174,053	37%
Spokane	55,920	109,323	51%
Stevens	5,869	10,445	56%
Thurston	20,869	58,021	36%
Wahkiakum	373	716	52%
Walla Walla	7,259	13,226	55%
Whatcom	18,885	42,239	45%
Whitman	2,429	6,761	36%
Yakima	57,888	74,942	77%
<b>Total **</b>	<b>712,257</b>	<b>1,580,266</b>	<b>45%</b>

\* Uses U.S. Census Bureau 2010 estimate, the percentages derived from these numbers are accurate but not exact.  
 \*\* The total child population number for this row only is from the 2010 census, which was released in April 2010.