

Alabama Primary Health Care Association Outreach and Enrollment Campaign

# ACCESS ALABAMA

### The Alabama Primary Health Care Association (APHCA)

APHCA is a non-profit health care organization governed by a 15member Board of Directors

Incorporated in 1985 to strengthen and expand Alabama's community health center network through education, service and collaboration so that Alabamians have access to coordinated health care and improved outcomes

Alabama's network of CHCs provides comprehensive and coordinated primary health care services to over 320,000 Alabamians – over 50% of whom are uninsured

### The Need:

In 2009:

- 78,000 Alabama children without health insurance
- 37% of eligible children losing health insurance due to non-renewals
- 44% of Alabama children lack access to a medical home
- Alabama ranked 47<sup>th</sup> on key indicators of child wellbeing
- Alabama ranked 48<sup>th</sup> on children's potential to lead healthy lives



### The Goal:

To enroll 15,000 children into Medicaid or AllKids (Alabama's CHIP program) through a multipronged outreach and enrollment project focused around Alabama's community health centers



### **Project Partners**

- Alabama Medicaid Agency
- Alabama Department of Public Health
- Alabama ARISE
- Federation of Child Care Centers of Alabama
- Voices for Alabama's Children
- Alabama Rural Health Association
- Alabama Chapter of the American Association of Pediatricians
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama
- ADPH Office of Primary Care and Rural Health
- Alabama Education Association
- Alabama Department of Education
- Medical Association of the State of Alabama
- Alabama State Nurses Association
- Alabama Association of Family Practitioners
- Alabama Hospital Association



### What are Community Health Centers?

Community health centers (CHCs) provide comprehensive primary and preventive care for children and adults as well as:

• Dental care

Pharmacies

• Support services

Mental health

- Case Management
- Lab and X-ray
- CHCs provide services to anyone in need regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay
- In Alabama, 15 community health center organizations provide high quality health care to over 320,000 patients through more than 125 sites statewide

• Health centers are also leading expansion of care programs, implementing health information technology, facilitating access to care through health insurance coverage and care coordination for low-income residents



### APHCA CHIP/Medicaid Outreach Project

- Expand access to Medicaid and CHIP enrollment through digital application on community based kiosks and Access Alabama website
- Provide in depth training on outreach and enrollment to CHC staff and other community stakeholders
- Develop statewide marketing campaign to educate community on Medicaid and CHIP and how community health centers can assist with application
- Establish toll free hotline to educate and assist callers with CHIP and Medicaid eligibility and application
- Develop education materials and presentations for community based organizations

### **Digital Application**

- Digital application developed in partnership with Polyglot Systems and Alabama Department of Public Health
- Digital application currently used for SOBRA Medicaid, ALLKids, Medicaid for Low Income Families and Plan First
- Simple, step by step, audio and visual interface designed to guide individuals through the enrollment process (either English or Spanish)
- On-screen and spoken prompts assist applicants and request only information relevant to the application process
- Digital application available on enrollment kiosks in CHCs, hospitals and other safety net organizations and at http://www.alaaccess.com



### **Enrollment Kiosks**

Kiosks network developed to provide easy access for parents and guardians of eligible children to online Medicaid and AllKids applications

Kiosks are located in community health centers, hospitals, libraries, rural health centers and Medicaid offices across the state



### Access Calabama Enrollment Kiosks

### http://www.alaaccess.com

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At alaaccess.com, patients can

- Enroll for health insurance
- Find their local community health center
- Access health resources
- Access wellness resources



At alaaccess.com, community partners can

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- Access outreach tools and information
- Find health resource information for patients
- Find seasonal wellness information for patients

### Application Assister Training For Community Health Center Employees

What:

- Training for community health center staff who are often on the front line and uniquely positioned to provide application assistance services to individuals without insurance
- Trained application assistors are responsible for the financial assessment of CHC patients and facilitate the enrollment of eligible individuals
  Why:
- To facilitate outreach and enrollment efforts within Alabama's CHC network



Kids can't be Kids without Access to Care APHCA Statewide CHIP Marketing Campaign

Overall Message Health care for children is a two pronged issue: access to insurance coverage and access to an available, willing provider. Health centers are community based organizations that offer a one stop opportunity for both access to assistance to health insurance enrollment and board certified providers

### Print and Digital Campaign

- 3 television commercials
- 4 radio commercials
- Enrollment postcards
- Reenrollment postcards
- Rack Cards
- Posters

All print collateral available for community partner use and download through http://www.alaaccess.com



### "Kids Can't Be Kids" TV PSA 1



All of these<sup>-d</sup>octors<sup>\*</sup> agree: Without access to health care, Kids can't be Kids!



### The Outcomes

Results of APHCA Grant Project September 2009 through September 2011:

- 42,896 total applications for CHIP and Medicaid
- 12,109 children approved for new enrollment
- 30,237 children approved for renewal
- Over 98% of applications were approved
- Certified 98 application assistors in eligible organizations
- 49 community partners and organizations trained in online application
- Kiosk network installed in community organizations across Alabama for easy access and future application expansion



### The Challenges

- 1. Execution of MOUs, BAAs, and Data sharing agreements
  - Applicant Privacy and confidentiality
- 2. Computer Software Incompatibility
- 3. Kiosk prototype development and manufacturing
- 4. Data retrieval

The Successes

- 1. Family Oriented Primary Health Care Clinic– Mobile, AL
  - 748 new kiosk applications
  - 633 approvals
- 2. Bayou La Batre Area Health Development Board, Inc.
  - 188 new kiosk applications
  - 158 approvals
- Alabama was recognized in 2010 for a 35% enrollment increase in Medicaid.

### The Future

- Expanded application tools for re-enrollment and enrollment for Medicaid and AllKids as well as access options to Alabama's Health Insurance Exchange
- Access to patient satisfaction tools and patient portals
- Expanded use to enroll an estimated 500,000+ new eligibles in Medicaid beginning January 1, 2014.



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