

## HEALTHY PEOPLE 2010 GOAL:

100% of all children and youth aged 17 years and under will have a specific source of ongoing care.

## Definition of Indicator

Number of children enrolled in Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, California Kids, Kaiser Permanente's Child Health Plan, and Healthy Kids. Number of mothers receiving services through Access for Infants and Mothers (AIM). Number of children receiving health exams through Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program services.

## Findings

As of January 2009, 188,175 children were enrolled in Medi-Cal, over 84,285 were enrolled in Healthy Families, 3,628 were enrolled in California Kids, 987 were enrolled in Healthy Kids, and 7,659 were enrolled in Kaiser Permanente's Child Health Plan (CHP) and 987 were enrolled in Healthy Kids. Access for Infants and Mothers (AIM) had a monthly average of 532 pregnant and new mothers enrolled during 2008. The CHDP program provided 110,316 health assessments during the 2006/07 fiscal year.

The Orange County Health Needs Assessment (OCHNA) survey in 2007 estimated that approximately 27,677 Orange County children (3.5%) were uninsured, down from approximately 38,400 (4.8%) in 2004 and 65,300 (8.5%) in 200. Similarly, the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS 2007) found approximately 29,000 Orange County children (3.6%) uninsured and over half of those uninsured children were eligible for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families.

### Enrollment by Program, January 2000 to January 2009

	Medi-Cal Under Age 18	Healthy Families	California Kids	Kaiser Permanente	Healthy Kids	Total
2000	119,131	19,149	1,050	102		139,330
2001	120,830	35,830	2,377	109		159,037
2002	143,816	49,253	3,784	140		196,853
2003	163,433	62,470	4,270	309		230,173
2004	178,124	**67,156	4,610	442		249,890
2005	181,723	67,088	5,822	1,130		255,763
2006	175,290	68,696	4,940	3,490		252,416
2007	176,525	71,642	4,968	6,767	347	260,249
2008	179,745	78,407	4,094	6,893	881	269,139
2009	188,175	84,285	3,628	7,659	987	284,734

See Appendix B and C for further description, eligibility and contact information for the above listed programs.

## Trends

Despite significant growth in Medi-Cal and Healthy Families enrollments from 2000 through 2009, growth in both programs leveled off between 2004 and 2008 (with an average of only 1% growth in enrollments for each of the past five years). However, enrollment in these two programs increased by 9.7% since 2000, likely due to the poor economy and increased job loss.

Enrollments in the California Kids program were lower during 2008 than in any of the previous six years, primarily due to reduced private funding, while Kaiser's Child Health Plan grew by 11% during 2008. Healthy Kids continues to enroll small numbers of children. The number of health exams provided by the CHDP program to children who were not enrolled in other health plans increased by 33% between 2003/04 and 2004/05, but decreased by 8% during 2005/06, and by 30% during 2006/07.\* By June 2008, 8,645 children seen at the Health Care Agency received assistance in applying for Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, and other health insurance programs. Of these, 5,140 of the applications were subsequently approved with the rest pending. Over 2,200 of the children's families reported that they had already visited their new doctors.

\*CHDP data pending for FY07-08. CHDP data reported in previous Conditions of Children Reports only included State funded and Medi-Cal fee-for-service CHDP health assessments, and did not include CHDP Medi-Cal Managed Care health assessments. FY06-07 data included all health assessments, regardless of funding source.

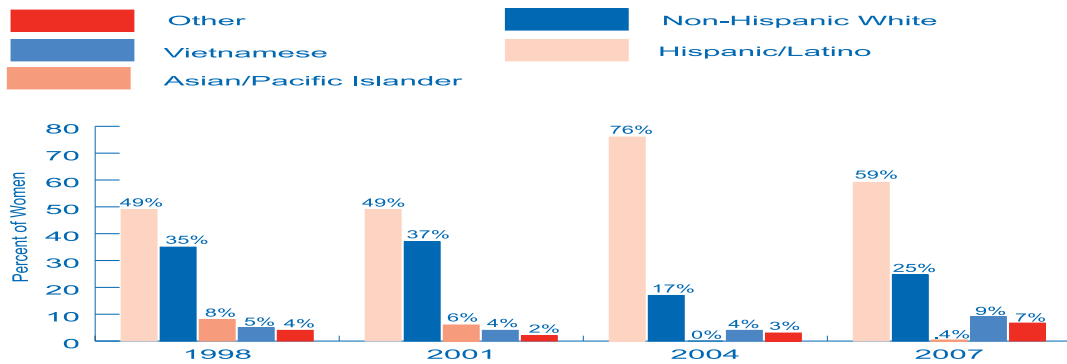
## STATEWIDE:

According to preliminary 2008 data, there was an increase in the number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) from 1,538,416 in 2007 to 1,692,087 in 2008.<sup>2</sup>

## RELATED INDICATORS:

- Early Prenatal Care
- Low Birth Weight
- Immunization of Children
- Physical Health
- CalWORKs

**OCHNA, Percent of Uninsured Children by Race and Ethnicity, 1998, 2001, 2004 and 2007**



## Why is this Important?

It is a shared goal of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Health Care Agency, and Children and Families Commission for all children to have a "medical home." Some of the characteristics of a medical home include care that is accessible, continuous, comprehensive, family centered, coordinated, and compassionate. This care should be delivered or directed by health professionals who are well-trained in pediatric care. It is important for children to have coordinated health care so they can be assessed as they grow and develop. Ideally, all children should have a "medical home" even though geographic barriers, personal constraints, practice patterns, and economic and social forces make it difficult to obtain this goal.<sup>1</sup>

With a "medical home," children's health problems can be identified through regular, preventive health assessments. Many problems can be prevented, corrected, or the severity reduced by prompt diagnosis and treatment. Improving health care access for children from low-income families will help improve prevention and early diagnosis and treatment of health problems.

## What's Happening in Orange County?

Enrollments in publicly-funded programs had slowed in recent years due to reduced state funding. However, due to economic problems during 2008, enrollments began to increase again.

- As the population of children in Orange County continues to grow and fewer children are covered through their parents' employment, the number of uninsured children will likely rise, putting more pressure on publicly-funded programs.
- Moreover, with the recent reduction in state funding of the Healthy Families program, enrollments in that program will likely slow, if not stop completely.

### What's Working:

The Children's Health Initiative of Orange County (CHIOC) was formed in order to locate uninsured children and help families enroll and retain their health and dental coverage and learn the value of preventive care. CHIOC is a coalition of public/private partners collaborating to improve the healthcare of children.

- CHIOC's outreach and enrollment efforts span all five children's insurance programs, enrolling two children in government funded programs for every one enrolled in privately funded programs.
- In addition, CHIOC provides extensive education and follow up, boosting retention by demonstrating the value of insurance for children and their families. CHIOC works one on one with families to coordinate care in order to help establish medical and dental homes, remove barriers to care, navigate the complex systems and retain their child's benefits.

✓ See appendix B for additional information about health programs for low income families.

### NATIONWIDE:

Preliminary data indicates that the number of children enrolled in SCHIP increased from 7.1 million in 2007 to over 7.4 million in 2008.<sup>3</sup>

### DATA SOURCES:

Orange County Health Care Agency  
 California State CMS Branch, CHDP Health Assessment Data FY03-04, 04-05, 05-06, 06-07  
 Orange County Health Needs Assessment, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2007  
 California Health Interview Survey, 2005, 2007

### NOTES:

<sup>1</sup>AAP, The Medical Home, Pediatrics, 2002; 110: 184-86  
<sup>2</sup>, <sup>3</sup>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 2008