

Strong Foundation Walls

- ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE COVERAGE

Children who start behind, stay behind. Most Ohio children are not ready for kindergarten, a trend which persists through third grade and beyond. Without a strong foundation, closing the learning gap between kindergarten and third grade is very difficult. Further, the health and education of young children are inextricably linked. Whether it is their mental or physical health, healthy students are better learners and more educated children have better health outcomes. Poor children, children of color and Appalachian children are disproportionately impacted by poor health outcomes that undermine their ability to excel in school. In order to support the whole child, we have to begin with a strong foundation.



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Access to essential healthcare services for all Ohio kids helps to ensure they grow up as healthy, productive adults. Adequate, stable, predictable funding for children covered by Ohio Medicaid is critical to the health of our children, our future workforce and the long-term vitality of the state.

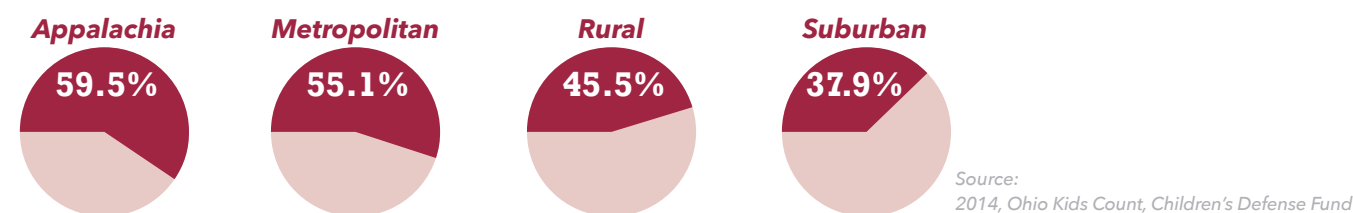
Ohio Medicaid offers three programs for children, pregnant women and families with limited income to receive healthcare. Once eligible for Medicaid through any one of these programs, each child (birth through age 20) has access to an important group of services known as Healthchek. Healthchek is Ohio's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program. It is a service package for babies, kids, and young adults younger than age 21 who are enrolled on Ohio Medicaid.

The purpose of Healthchek is to discover and treat health problems early. If a potential health problem is found, further diagnosis and treatment are covered by Medicaid. Healthchek covers preventive services including well-child checkups, immunizations, and dental care and covers a comprehensive array of services for children, including developmental, vision and hearing screenings. This program aims to ensure developmental delays can be diagnosed and treated as early as possible, or averted altogether.

The Medicaid program is available to insured or uninsured children (up to age 19) in families with income up to 156% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and pregnant women in families with income up to 200% FPL. The Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) program builds upon the Medicaid program and is available to uninsured children (up to age 19) in families with income up to 206% FPL. Healthy Families is a Medicaid program available to families with income up to 90% FPL and a child younger than age 19.

Medicaid programs provide healthcare coverage for nearly HALF of Ohio's 2.5 million children—or 1.2 million kids. Children make up more than 40% of enrollees in Ohio's Medicaid program.

Percentages of Ohio Children Enrolled in Medicaid by County Type

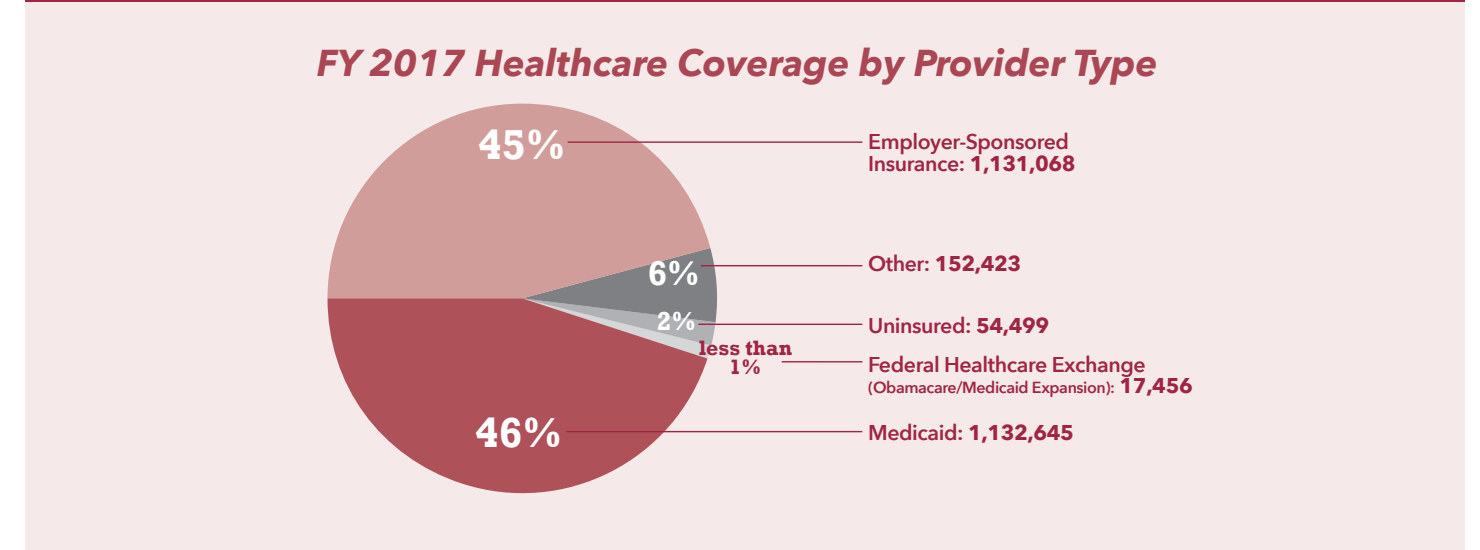


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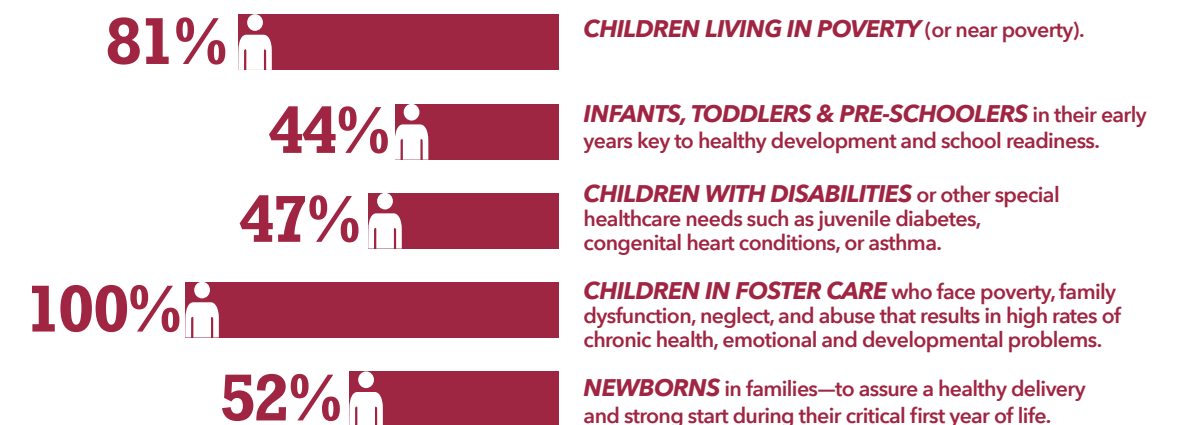
THE FACTS:

Children's Healthcare Coverage in Ohio:
2,488,091
CHILDREN



Medicaid & Healthy Start (CHIP) serve Ohio's most vulnerable children.

A large share of at-risk children rely on public coverage for the health care they need to thrive. Below are percentages of Ohio children who depend on Medicaid & Healthy Start (CHIP).



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**MEDICAID HELPS CHILDREN GROW UP
TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.**

CHILDREN ENROLLED IN MEDICAID:

- *Miss fewer school days due to illness or injury*
- *Do better in school*
- *Are more likely to graduate high school and attend college*
- *Grow up to be healthier as adults*
- *Earn higher wages*
- *Pay more in taxes*

**FOR OHIO'S YOUNG CHILDREN, HOW ARE EDUCATION
& HEALTH INEXTRICABLY LINKED?**

HOW DOES POOR HEALTH PUT EDUCATION AT RISK?

HOW DOES EDUCATION CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR BETTER HEALTH?

**HOW DO CONDITIONS IN A CHILD'S LIFE AFFECT BOTH
EDUCATION & HEALTH?**

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