**Cover All Kids**

Health insurance coverage is one of the single most effective ways to ensure that children receive the preventive health and medical care they need to thrive in school and life. In Oregon 17,600 children- 2% of Oregon’s children in our state currently do not have any medical coverage.[[1]](#footnote-1)

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| Cover All Kids extends the Oregon Health Plan to all children residing in Oregon up to 300% FPL and ensures outreach for the program to newly eligible children. By covering all kids in Oregon, we will ensure that every child is on the pathway to success. |

**Oregon needs to take the next step and extend health care coverage to all children.**

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| **EDUCATION** |

On day one of school, we need to ensure children arrive prepared and ready to learn.

* Insured kids are 9.7% less likely to drop out of high school[[2]](#footnote-2)
* Insured kids are 5.5% more likely to graduate fromcollege[[3]](#footnote-3)

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| **ECONOMIC SECURITY** |

Medicaid-eligible children have higher incomes later in life and were more likely to surpass their families’ economic status as adults.[[4]](#footnote-4)

* Higher Incomes and Wealth
* Higher Tax Contibutions and More Weeks Worked
* Higher Income Growth Rate

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| **HEALTH & WELLNESS** |

Children with Access to Medicaid Showed:

* More than 50% Decline in Asthma Treatments in the ER[[5]](#footnote-5)
* 26% Decline in High Blood Pressure as Adults[[6]](#footnote-6)
* Fewer ER Visits and Hospitalizations as Adults.kjjkltz, S. 201515. Georgetown and D.C.Public Policyker IIIh Policy Institute Center for Children .kjjkltz, S. 201515. Georgetown and D.C.Public Policyker IIIh Policy Institute Center for Children [[7]](#footnote-7)

Having health insurance promotes health, while preventing needless suffering, economic hardship and even death for some children. No child deserves to suffer. Six other states, (Washington, California, Illinois, New York, Massachusetts, and Washington D.C.), are a testament to the fact that health insurance coverage is a key to ensuring that every child succeeds. Oregon can and should ensure that every child is on a pathway to success.[[8]](#footnote-8)

**Cover All Kids Is Good for Oregon’s Future. Cover All Kids is the Right Thing to Do.**

**Cover All Kids Coalition**

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| **Adelante Mujeres (WA County)**  **Asian Health & Service Center**  **Breast Feeding Coalition of Oregon**  **Euvalcree (Malheur County)**  **Elders in Action**  **Health Equity Circle**  **Health Care for All of Oregon** | **International Center For Traditional Childbearing**  **Impact NW**  **Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)**  **Latinos Unidos Siempre (Marion County)** | **NW Forest Workers (Jackson County)**  **Hispanic Council- (Clatsop County)**  **Mano a Mano Family Center**  **Linn Benton Health Equity Alliance** | **Partnership for Safety and Justice**  **Partners for a Hungry Free Oregon**  **SEIU 49**  **The Q Center**  **Somali American Council of Oregon (SACOO)** |

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