

Children and Health Care

As we begin a new school year, it's important to take advantage of enrollment campaigns in your state that will assist children in accessing health care. All states have Medicaid coverage for eligible children and a State Children's Health Insurance Program that provides low-cost coverage for those lower-income children not eligible for Medicaid. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation works to connect uninsured children to low-cost and free health care coverage through its national program, *Covering Kids & Families*. If you are interested in ensuring that ALL children with whom you interact have health care coverage, call **1-877-KIDS-NOW** (toll free) for more information.

The SECA States and Uninsured Children

State	Two-Year Average Number of Children 2001-2002	Two-Year Average Uninsurance Rate 2001-2002	Two-Year Average Number of Uninsured Children 2001-2002
Alabama	1,135,000	9.8%	112,000
Arkansas	682,000	11.0%	75,000
Florida	3,899,000	15.2%	593,000
Georgia	2,298,000	13.7%	314,000
Kentucky	981,000	11.1%	109,000
Louisiana	1,204,000	12.3%	148,000
Mississippi	776,000	10.6%	83,000
North Carolina	2,082,000	11.9%	248,000
Oklahoma	876,000	13.6%	119,000
South Carolina	1,007,000	8.5%	85,000
Tennessee	1,398,000	6.5%	91,000
Texas	6,128,000	21.8%	1,336,000
Virginia	1,824,000	10%	181,000
West Virginia	387,000	8.9%	34,000

State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) in the SECA States

State	State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)
Alabama	All Kids
Arkansas	ARKids First A & B
Florida	Florida KidCare
Georgia	PeachCare for Kids
Kentucky	KCHIP
Louisiana	LaCHIP
Mississippi	Mississippi Health Benefits
North Carolina	North Carolina Health Choice for Children
Oklahoma	SoonerCare
South Carolina	Partners for Healthy Children
Tennessee	TennCare
Texas	TexCare Partnership
Virginia	FAMIS
West Virginia	West Virginia CHIP

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