The David and Lucile Packard Foundation knows that health care coverage for U.S. children is foundational to a healthy life. When children are healthy, they are more likely to succeed in school and in life. That’s why in 2007, on the tenth anniversary of the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), we committed to supporting organizations that could advance the goal of 95% coverage for all children. In 2015, the U.S. reached that milestone. We are excited to work together to build on this success by reaching 98% coverage!

SUCCESS LARGELY A RESULT OF MEDICAID AND CHIP

OVER
1 OUT OF 3
CHILDREN HAVE
MEDICAID/CHIP COVERAGE

19 OUT
OF 20
KIDS HAVE
HEALTH INSURANCE

THE ROAD TO 95%
CHILDREN’S COVERAGE

1997
85% of U.S. children covered
Passage of the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for families who make too much for Medicaid but can’t afford private health insurance

2006
90% of U.S. children covered

2007
10th Anniversary of CHIP
CHIP extended for two years

2009
CHIP Reauthorization #1

2010
Passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

2015
CHIP Reauthorization #2
95% of U.S. children covered!

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE IS THE FOUNDATION TO GOOD HEALTH

The Benefits of Insurance

1. Children more likely to show up in school and stay focused on learning
2. Parents don’t have to choose between paying a medical bill or paying rent
3. Healthier children mean fewer days a parent has to take off work to care for a sick child
4. Parents are less likely to forgo their own care
5. Youth are more likely to graduate from high school and go to college

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Data Source for estimated uninsured rates for children ages 18 and under: Urban Institute tabulations of the 1997, 2006, and January-June 2015 National Health Interview Survey;
Data Source for estimated Medicaid/CHIP coverage for children ages 18 and under: Urban Institute tabulations of the 2014 National Health Interview Survey.

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THE WORK AHEAD
Secure the 95% and get to 98%

1. SECURE AND PROTECT
Focus on quality insurance that gets parents and kids the RIGHT CARE AT THE RIGHT TIME

2. ENSURE KIDS IN EVERY STATE ARE HEALTHY
and receive appropriate developmental screenings, referrals and services to prepare them for school.