Child Health

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Promoting & Protecting the Health of Iowans

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Successful promotion of children's health is rooted in a partnership of families, communities, health care providers, and public health providers. Iowa's Child Health programs promote the development of local systems of health care to ensure that all Iowa children have regular, preventive health care. The Child Health programs strive to make family-centered, community-based, and culturally-sensitive health services available to all Iowa children.

Did you know?

Research shows that for every $1 invested in early health care and education of a young child, Iowa will see an economic return of $17 per child.

Why are Child Health programs important to promoting and protecting the health of Iowans?

- Child Health programs provide access to regular preventive health services that affect a child's physical and mental health, success in school, and health in later years.
- Child Health programs advocate for medical homes that provide a consistent source of comprehensive primary care and facilitate partnerships between families and providers.
- Child Health programs reach out to underserved populations, who are least likely to access preventive health services. Programs serve low-income children, adolescents, and minorities.
- Child Health programs address barriers to accessing preventive health services including health care coverage, transportation, and interpretation.
- Child Health programs link families to community-based services based upon family needs.

Which Iowa Public Health Goals are we working to achieve?

Promote healthy behaviors

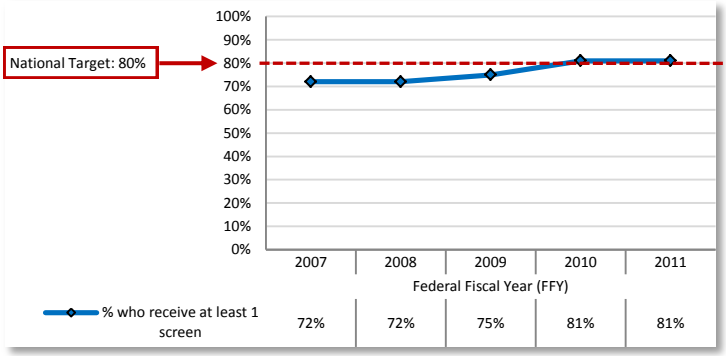
Strengthen the public health infrastructure

What do we do?

- Provide funding for 22 Child Health centers that assure child health services are available in all 99 counties for children and youth ages birth to 22. In FFY 2012, 188,344 Iowa children accessed health care services through Iowa's community-based Child Health centers.
- Encourage community-based Child Health agencies to work closely with medical providers to ensure family-centered, community-based, and culturally-sensitive preventive health services are offered.
- Provide access to community-based health resources through the toll free Healthy Families Line, a 24-hour information and referral phone line.
- Assist in developing local health care systems that meet present and future health needs.
- Support community-based child health agencies that link clients to medical and dental providers and other needed services.

How do we measure our progress?

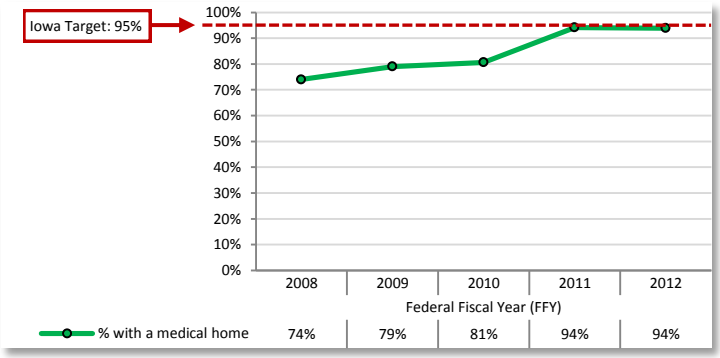
❶ **Percent of Medicaid enrolled children who receive at least one recommended well child exam.**



Data Source: Federal CMS 416 report. Data are available annually. Beginning with federal fiscal year (FFY) 2010 data, the report is based upon the number of children continuously enrolled in Medicaid for a minimum of 90 days who receive at least one well child exam during the year. FFY 2012 data are not yet available.

How are we doing? Medicaid enrolled children receiving at least one well child exam per year remained stable at 81% for FFY 2011. This is slightly higher than the expectation for all states set by the national Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of maintaining at least 80%.

❷ **Percent of children served in Child Health programs who report a medical home.**



Data Source: Child & Adolescent Reporting System (CAReS). Annual unduplicated counts are based upon the federal fiscal year (FFY) October-September. Beginning with FFY 2011, this data is based upon the number of children that received services where their medical home status could be assessed.

How are we doing? There has been steady improvement in assuring children served by Child Health programs have a medical home.

What can Iowans do to help?

1. Learn more about community-based child health services by going to
   www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/family_health.asp
   www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/child_health_centers.asp
   www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/epsdt_care_for_kids.asp
2. Learn more about the healthy development of children. Go to www.iowaepsdt.org.
3. Refer uninsured or underinsured families to Child Health centers by contacting the Healthy Families toll free line at 1-800-369-2229.

Expenditures

General fund, RIFF funds, federal funds, & intra state receipts* (Dept of Human Services); State funds are used for a 75% match for the Title V Block Grant: K05-0505/0521/0552/0554; K09-0987; K64-6401; 0153-0506/0622/0654.

	State Fiscal Year 2011 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2012 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2013 Estimate
State funds	$798,296	$748,966	$720,712
Federal funds	$1,868,772	$1,756,994	$1,954,894
Other funds*	$3,474,149	$3,673,256	$4,177,742
Total funds	**$6,141,217**	**$6,179,216**	**$6,853,348**
FTEs	13.60	11.83	12.65

Note: Funding information is intended to provide an overview of funding related to the program area. It does not include all federal and state requirements and/or restrictions for the use of funds. Contact the program area for more detailed budget information.

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