

# Fl♥rida KidCare

Of the 47 million uninsured Americans, one in every eight is a veteran. Nationally, there are approximately 600,000 veterans without healthcare coverage. Among veterans age 18-64, those without coverage were five times more likely than insured veterans to delay care because of costs, six times more likely to forego medications because of costs, and seven times more likely to forego medical care because of costs than those with insurance. Additionally there are approximately 400,000 children in Florida who lack coverage ranking Florida near the top of all states in terms of the number of uninsured children.

There is some good news for children of veterans in Florida and parents looking for an affordable opportunity to keep their kids healthy. Additionally, it is important to know that active duty members who qualify for Medicaid may obtain that for a supplemental coverage even if they have Tricare. This is especially important for families who children with special health care needs.

Many veterans do not realize that their children meet the eligibility requirements to enroll in Florida KidCare. Because schools are a trusted source of information for families, and have a unique opportunity to increase the number of children who have access to regular health care *Florida Covering Kids & Families* at the University of South Florida through a grant from Federal Department of Health and Human Services has been diligently working to enroll Florida's uninsured children in Florida KidCare. *Florida Covering Kids & Families* and its partners are stepping up their efforts to increase the number of children enrolled in Florida KidCare. The coverage offered through Florida KidCare means *health security* for kids and *peace of mind* for all of our veterans.

Florida KidCare offers health insurance benefits to children under the age of 19. Children have access to preventive care such as regular doctor's visits, immunizations, dental and vision checkups. In addition, families are protected against catastrophic financial loss in the event of a serious medical issue. Florida KidCare covers checkups to transplants!

It's now even easier for families to access Florida KidCare benefits through a more streamlined enrollment process helping to make sure no child in Florida goes without health insurance. The majority of families enrolled pay nothing at all; others may pay premiums that range from \$15 to \$196 per month. Children receive coverage under the program's four components – MediKids, Children's Medical Services Network, Healthy Kids and Children's Medicaid. Uninsured children can begin receiving preventive care such as regular doctor visits, immunizations, dental check-ups and prescriptions through Florida KidCare. The comprehensive coverage offered through Florida KidCare helps keep Florida's kids healthy. Parents are encouraged to find out if their kids are eligible."

- **For application assistance families may call Jodi Ray, Project Director for *Florida Covering Kids & Families* at the University of South Florida at 813-974-3143 or by email: [jray@health.usf.edu](mailto:jray@health.usf.edu)**

Thank you in advance for helping to increase the number of **insured** children in our state

## Florida KidCare Application Information

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