



Currently, Santa Barbara County continues to have one of the highest percentages of uninsured children in California (14% or nearly 14,000 children, Children Now, 2009). It is ranked 26th out of 28 California counties with the percentage of children that have health insurance.

Many parents do not have health insurance available through their employer and their children may not qualify for the subsidized state health insurance programs of Medi-Cal or Healthy Families. These uninsured children are more likely to lack access to regular medical and dental services and are also more likely to miss more school than insured children.

To ensure that all children in Santa Barbara County have access to basic health care services, *Doorway to Health* and CHISB created a local comprehensive health insurance product, **Healthy Kids Santa Barbara County**, to insure children from low income families who do not qualify for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families. The total cost for one year of care is \$1,286.88 per child and is funded by affordable monthly premiums, grants and private donations.

Santa Barbara residents with children aged 0-19 and incomes below 300% of the federal poverty level (up to \$66,150 per year for a family of four) are eligible Healthy Kids Santa Barbara insurance.

Insurance premiums are from \$4 to \$21 per child per month (to a maximum of \$12 to \$63 per family for 3 or more children) depending upon the family's income for this comprehensive medical, vision and dental coverage. Access to health care will be guaranteed by a wide network of providers contracted with **CenCal Health, Premier Access Dental and VSP (Vision Service Plan)**.

Families can apply at sites throughout Santa Barbara County with a Certified Application Assistor (CAA). Agencies with Healthy Kids CAAs include: Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics, Main Family Resource Center in Carpinteria, Community Action Commission Head Start in Goleta and Santa Maria, People Helping People in Solvang, County Public Health Clinics, Family Service Agency in Lompoc and Santa Barbara. The county-wide network of Family Resource Centers also all have CAAs that can assist in Healthy Kids insurance enrollment. **Or, call (805) 965-8751 (South County) or (805) 739-0992 (North County) for a location near you!**

