

## Join CHAC

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*I would like to join CHAC in the fight for  
children's health care as an:*

- organizational member
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## Children's Health Access Coalition

**Thousands of Massachusetts  
children are without health  
care.**

*Join CHAC to help us make*

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## CHAC's Mission

We are a coalition of individuals and organizations committed to ensure that all Massachusetts children have access to and receive comprehensive health services.

With broad-based statewide Membership, the *Children's Health Access Coalition* represents individuals, parents, and children, as well as hospitals, legal, policy, advocacy, and other local and state groups working to improve children's health care.

## State budget cuts leave children without health care

Due to recent state budget cuts:

- ❖ Thousands of children are on a waitlist to receive Children's Medical Security Plan (CMSP) Coverage.
- ❖ Families with children enrolled in MassHealth (Medicaid) and CMSP are forced to pay new and increased *unaffordable* premiums.

## CHAC's Children's Health

In response to recent state budget cuts to crucial health care programs for children, CHAC has launched a *Children's Health Campaign*. The Campaign advocates for:

- ❖ Full funding for CMSP to reduce the waitlist;
- ❖ Affordable premiums for all children enrolled in MassHealth and CMSP; and
- ❖ Full funding for Healthy Start, a prenatal program for low-income pregnant women.

## CHAC's accomplishments

Since 1994 CHAC has advocated for the strengthening and expansion of children's health care programs. CHAC has:

- ❖ Led the expansion of MassHealth to cover 90,000 children through the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- ❖ Spearheaded a statewide initiative to use the Tobacco Tax to widen children's health care coverage in 1996.
- ❖ Led the successful fight to expand CMSP enrollment in 1995 and its benefits package in 2000.

## Help Defend Children's Access to Health Care

There are many ways to get involved with the Children's Health Access Coalition and its activities:

- ❖ Become a member of CHAC.
- ❖ Attend meetings to organize campaign strategies and update member organizations on regional activities.
- ❖ Contact legislators and urge them to support improvements in children's health care programs.
- ❖ Host community events to educate others about the Children's Health Campaign and the ways in which they can get involved.
- ❖ Respond to email alerts about what's happening to children's health care by taking action.
- ❖ And much more!

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