



# CAKF Highlights

February 2009

## Coalition Meeting

### Executive Committee Report

- Alabama Arise thanks all the Coalition members who helped plan and present the 2009 Health Care Access Conference on February 10.
- Alabama Arise has hired a new Health Policy Analyst, Anna Blair.

### Project Reports

- Maximizing Enrollment for Kids Grant (PEAK) - ALL Kids and Medicaid have been awarded a Robert Wood Johnson Grant. The grant is for a four year period with the first phase being diagnostic. One proposal in the grant would be to work toward a paperless application system.
- Renewal and Retention—This

technical assistant grant has ended with both Medicaid and ALL Kids implementing several measures to try to improve renewal rates.

- Gaps Profile/Coverage Grant—Envision 2020 continues to work toward completing the pilot survey of the 5-county River Region.
- AVAA—The Audio Visual Application Assistor System has gone "live" in Lawrence, Blount and Jefferson Counties. Mobile and Baldwin counties will be going on line soon.
- Kid Check—The project continues to expand. For more information and a schedule of upcoming events go to [www.alabamaruralaction.com](http://www.alabamaruralaction.com)
- The Birmingham Schools Initiative continues with over 7900 survey forms

returned and almost 1500 reporting they had no insurance and wanted an application. These applications have been distributed.

### Local Projects

- The Jefferson County Coalition has decided to join forces with the Jefferson County Department of Health's Health Action Committee's Health Access group as both have similar goals. A meeting will be planned for later in the spring to develop future plans.
- The Mobile County Coalition met in November. The Coalition supported a Health Fair in October. Over 400 people attended. The Fair was held in conjunction with USA Pediatrics and USA College of Medicine.

### Hot Topics

- ☺ Reauthorization of SCHIP will take effect on April 1, 2009. The bill provided sufficient funding for Alabama to continue to enroll eligible children.
- ☺ The 2009 Health Care Access Conference held at Birmingham Southern on February 10th was very successful. There were over 300 attendees and feedback was very positive on break-out sessions.



## Insuring Partner Reports

### SOBRA Medicaid

- Enrollment—415,215
- Medicaid is currently operating under a hiring freeze and travel restrictions.
- Due to funding issues, Medicaid will no longer assist families by paying for birth certificates.

### ALL Kids

- Enrollment—70,770
- Processing time continues to be over our 10 day standard.
- ALL Kids Regional Staff are seeing an increase in the number of Rapid Response meetings throughout the state.

### ACCF

- Enrollment—7,550 with about 1700 on the waiting list.
- The decrease in the number of children enrolled was attributed to high claims amounts and an increasing number of applications received.

### Announcements

- Cover the Uninsured Week will be held from March 24—28th. For more information on local and national observations go to [www.covertheuninsured.org](http://www.covertheuninsured.org)
- The next State Coalition Meeting will be held on April 23, at 10:00 am. , Alabama Library Service.
- Southeastern Diabetes will be hosting a Children's Fishing Event on May 17th at Lagoon Park.