



# CAKF Highlights

May 2009

## Coalition Meeting

### Reports

- **State Legislative Update** —Anna Blair distributed a summary of current legislation involving healthcare issues that have been introduced in the house and senate sessions so far.
- **Stimulus Package** — Jim Carnes distributed a summary of the impact stimulus money will have here in Alabama.
- **Maximizing Enrollment for Kids Grant (PEAK)** - Gretel Felton noted the grant is in full swing. There will be a site visit on June 3rd and 4th. The initial phase is purely diagnostic. Some of our proposals on the application include moving toward a paperless system, expanding AVAA locations and develop-

ing on-line renewal.

### Gaps Profile/Coverage

- **Grant**—Continues to assess the underserved in Alabama through the River Region 2020 Project.
- **AVAA**—The pilot continues in Lawrence, Blount and Jefferson Counties. In general there has been positive feedback from workers and enrollees.
- **Kid Check**—The project continues to expand with over 50 schools involved.. The biggest challenge has been recruiting Nursing Schools to provide the actual screenings to the schools. For more information and a schedule of upcoming events go to [www.alabamaruralaction.com](http://www.alabamaruralaction.com)

### 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 to develop future plans.
- The Mobile County Coalition met in April. Mobile United received some funding that they will be using to prepare hurricane preparation guides/ coloring books. These will be in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. A CAKF ad will be on the back of the booklet. The Coalition will also be working with the Mobile Bay Bears this year.

### Hot Topics

#### Economic Impact—

- ☺ Although the Stimulus Package did not include a lot that directly impacted CHIP; it should be positive for the Department of Health as a whole as there will be an enhanced Medicaid match rate.
- ☺ Regional ALL Kids Staff have been involved in an increasing number of Rapid Response Events this year. There have been 42 layoff notices thus far this year, with only 23 notices for the same time period last year.



## Insuring Partner Reports

### SOBRA Medicaid

- Enrollment—423,283
- Birmingham now has the only fully functional Medicaid Resource Center.
- There has been an increase in the last 2 months in MLIF and SOBRA recipients.
- Medicaid will no longer require an interview of applicants if all supporting documentation is received.

### ALL Kids

- Enrollment—70,061
- CHIP Reauthorization went into effect on April 1st. ALL Kids is continuing to review the legislation.
- Citizenship and Identify requirements have been added to CHIP. This will go into effect in January.
- Over 42,000 applications have been distributed this year.

### ACCF

- Enrollment—7,670 with about 2000 on the waiting list.
- Donations for the program have decreased this year. However, there were 1600 car tags sold. Also, the Community Foundation of South Alabama has donated \$80,000 and will donate up to a total of \$120,000.

### Announcements

- The next State Coalition Meeting will be held on July 23, location to be announced.
- The Alabama Child Caring Foundation is participating this year in the Birdies for Charity program through the Regions Charity Classic Golf Tournament. For more information, you can go on line: [www.regionscharityclassic.com](http://www.regionscharityclassic.com) and click on the charity link.