



The Faith Community in Partnership with DC Healthy Families

Most of the more than 9 million uninsured children in the United States are eligible for low-cost or free health care coverage through Medicaid or State Children's Health Insurance Program. However, many parents who work do not realize that their children are eligible.

DC Healthy Families is a free health insurance program for working families in the District who are uninsured or underinsured. Churches, synagogues, mosques and other places of worship can go a long way in helping to inform families about the availability of free health care coverage through this program.

Whether you are looking for one simple activity or enough ideas to dedicate an entire day or week to this effort, **you can help**, by:

- Talking to your colleagues and others in the community about the availability of free health care coverage for eligible uninsured and underinsured families through DC Healthy Families.
- Hosting a Cover the Uninsured Sunday. Ask uninsured and underinsured individuals in your congregation, or health professionals who care for them, to describe what it means to be without coverage or to care for those who lack it. Contact DC Healthy Families for assistance at 1-888-557-1116.
- Distributing free materials, available in English, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, French and Amharic to prompt uninsured or underinsured families to call for information on DC Healthy Families. To order applications and other information, call 1-888-557-1116.
- Holding a Health and Enrollment Fair to help those in need. Call the DC Healthy Families Enrollment Office at 1-888-557-1116 for planning and staffing assistance.
- Hold an educational seminar for your community and congregation on the importance of getting regular health care and the availability of free health care coverage for eligible DC families. Invite doctors, nurses, dentists, and other health professionals along with local organizations involved in Medicaid outreach to talk with families.
- Making sure the appropriate ministry leaders in your church are well aware of the problems associated with the lack of health insurance, and equipping them with the most accurate and up-to-date information about DC Healthy Families. Churches that help its member's access social services understand that often where there is one need, there are many.
- Keeping reception and lobby areas, family life and ministry centers, program offices and other well traveled or highly visible areas stocked with applications, flyers and other program information. Contact DC Healthy Families to receive posters, flyers and other print materials at 1-888-557-1116.