

A Celebration of Children's Health



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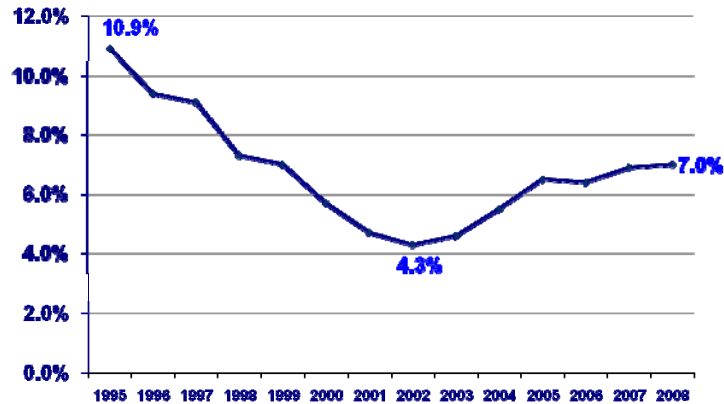
Rhode Island's Achievements in Children's Health

Even in tough economic times, Rhode Island leads the nation in health outcomes for children and families.

- Lowest teen death rate (1st)
- Timely prenatal care (3rd)
- Low teen birth rate (9th)
- Low child death rate (9th)
- Children's health coverage (14th)



Uninsured Children in Rhode Island 1995 - 2008



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1995-2008, three-year averages, compiled by Rhode Island KIDS COUNT. Data are for children under 18 years of age.

Earning an A+ in staying healthy



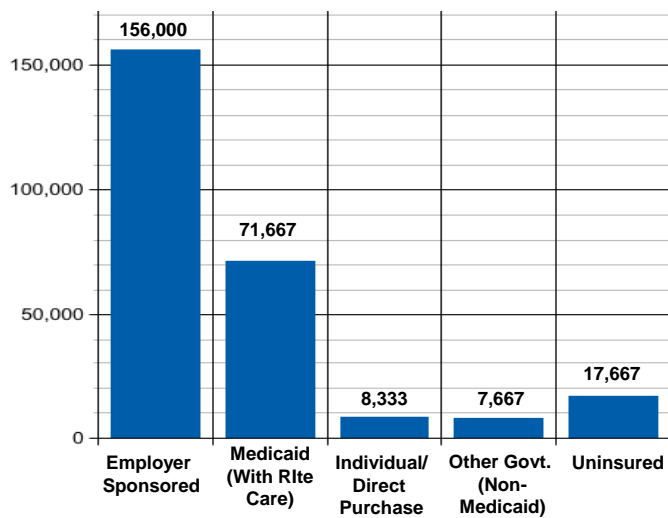
Health coverage means:

- Children and teens stay in the classroom, concentrating on their studies.
- Whether it's glasses to see the blackboard or an asthma inhaler for soccer practice, kids get the care they need to grow up healthy and strong.
- Rhode Island benefits from putting our young people on the path to success in school and later in life.

Over **9** in 10 Rhode Island kids have health insurance



How are Children Covered?



Population Reference Bureau analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2006-2008, RI, three-year average

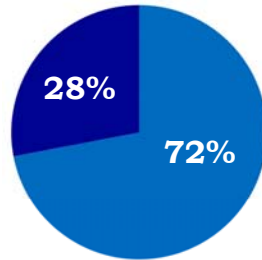
Who are the Uninsured Children?

Children Under Age 19 Without Health Insurance, by Poverty Level, Rhode Island

28% Not Eligible for Rite Care

Above 250% FPL
(over \$44,000/yr for family of 3)

They live in families who are not offered or cannot afford ESI.



72% Eligible for Rite Care

Under 250% FPL (less than \$44,000/yr for family of 3)

They live in families that do not know about Rite Care, who cannot afford Rite Care premiums, face administrative barriers or are eligible due to Immigration status.

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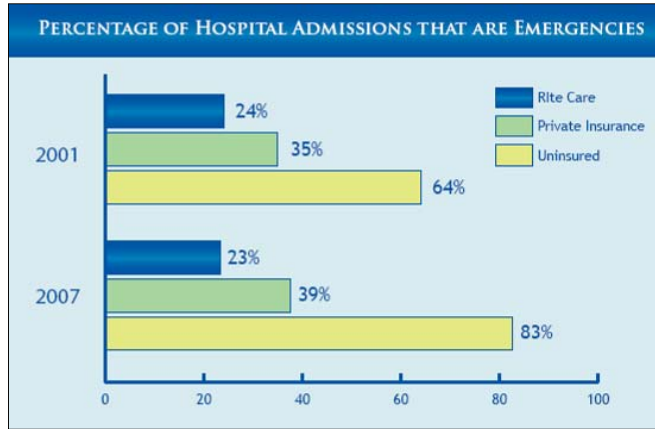
Rite Care: Cost-Effective and High-Quality

Rite Care Health Plans - Top 10 in the U.S.

- ✓ 4th Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island
- ✓ 8th Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island
- ✓ 10th UnitedHealthcare of New England

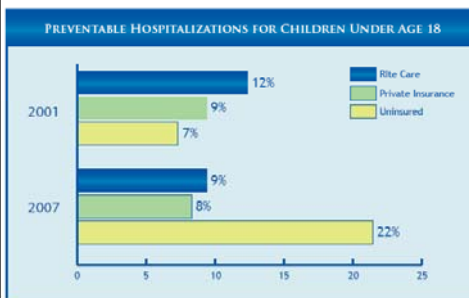
Source: 2008 U.S. News & World Report National Committee on Quality Assurance rankings

Rite Care Works for Families



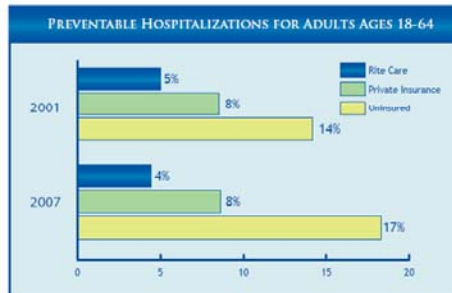
Children and adults enrolled in Rite Care have the lowest percentage of emergency admissions.

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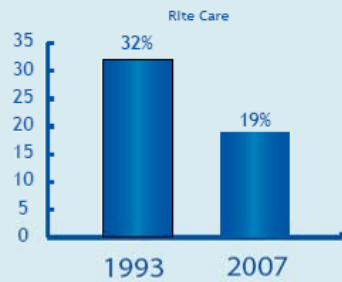
Children enrolled in Rite Care or private insurance have fewer preventable hospitalizations than uninsured children.

Adults enrolled in Rite Care have the lowest rates of preventable hospitalizations.



Rite Care Works for Pregnant Women

PERCENTAGE OF PREGNANT WOMEN WHO SMOKE



Rite Care for pregnant women means regular health care before and during pregnancy, lower incidence of smoking and fewer babies with health problems.



Rite Care Works for Babies



- The low birthweight rate for infants with Rite Care coverage was 8.8% in 2007 and has been stable over the past decade.

- Rhode Island's infant mortality rate for publicly-insured infants dropped from 9.8 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 1993 to 6.9 in 2007.

Rite Care Works for Children and Parents

- **98%** of infants and toddlers have a primary health care provider.
- **94%** of preschool and early elementary school children have a primary health care provider.
- **88%** of children have been screened for lead poisoning (1st time exceeded goal of 85%).
- **90%** of adults have had an ambulatory or preventive care visit.

Source: Results of 2009 HEDIS and CAHPS Measures in Rite Care's Performance Goal Program as reported in Monitoring Quality and Access in Rite Care, DHS/EOHHS, October 2009



Public Support for Rite Care

Rhode Island voters support Rite Care

- **94%** of voters say Rite Care is an important program.

Rhode Island voters support expanding Rite Care

- **83%** of voters favor expanding Rite Care to cover all uninsured children in Rhode Island.



Federal Legislation Supporting Children's Health Coverage

- Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA)
- American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
- National Health Reform



Recent Health Reform Polling



87% of Americans favor ensuring all children have health care coverage.

71% of voters support having a national health insurance program covering all children, including legal immigrant children.

October 2009 Public Opinion Poll: *Understanding Public Perceptions: Results from Research on Children in Health Reform* by Lake Research Partners and First Focus.
http://www.firstfocus.net/Download/PollSummary_Health.pdf

Kids and Health Reform

Do no harm to children.

Nearly one-third of our nation's children get their health care through Medicaid and CHIP and Congress should ensure that children don't fall through the cracks during the transition phase.

Insure all kids.

Six million of the nation's nine million uninsured children are eligible but not enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.

Cover kids from head to toe.

All children need coverage that meets their unique developmental needs, and provides them with the preventive services, medical care, and oral and mental health benefits needed to launch them on a better trajectory in life.



Health Coverage for Children and Families in Rhode Island



Rite Care is our success story

Our investments in Rite Care have resulted in a highly successful, cost-efficient program for children and families who do not have access to health insurance any other way.

Keeping the promise

We must maintain our commitment to covering every child.

A top priority

In these tough economic times, it's more important now than ever.

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