

OUR MISSION:

Children need high-quality, accessible health care coverage in order to enhance their overall well-being, augment their ability to learn, and allow them to develop into productive adults who can contribute to society. The New England Alliance for Children's Health supports public policies that promote access to high-quality, accessible health care for all children. Through proactive policy development, information sharing and public outreach at both the federal and state levels, we are working to increase awareness of children's health care coverage issues, broaden support for federal and state funding, and maximize the quality of coverage and care in pediatrics.

OUR VISION:

We envision a New England region where consumers, advocates, providers, business leaders, educators, and families work together to ensure all children have access to the highest quality health care. When this is achieved, the New England Alliance for Children's Health will have played a critical role in this effort.

WE VALUE:

- The children of New England and their role as the future leaders of our region.
- Our partners' commitment and shared history of working to improve the health and well-being of all children.
- Our New England-based approach to supporting health care coverage for children, which recognizes our regional health care market.
- Our ability to leverage our regional strengths in politics, tapping the power of a bipartisan group of Congressional leaders who have a deep commitment to the welfare of children.
- Our regional coalition that allows us to facilitate the flow of information and insight across states on both policy and strategy; realize economies of scale in communications, planning and policy formation; support coordinated advocacy efforts; and better position ourselves to attract funding support for state-level initiatives.

WE ARE:

A coalition of health care and child advocates, hospitals and health care providers, community and business leaders, educators, legal experts, interfaith organizations, families and consumers.

OUR GOALS:

- 1. **Federal:** Ensure that children's health care issues are actively addressed in national health reform and that Medicaid and CHIP are protected and enhanced.
- 2. **State**: Provide policy, communications and strategic support for each of the New England states as they work to protect and enhance health care coverage for their children.
- 3. **Quality**: Develop a regional quality of care campaign that engages consumers and highlights the need for federal quality improvement efforts to include pediatric care.
- 4. **Coalition-building**: Engage a variety of partners—including our newest partners in the business and faith communities—in our children's health care advocacy work in order to more effectively influence public policy and build sustained support for children's health care issues and funding.

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The New England Alliance for Children's Health is an initiative of Community Catalyst, a national nonprofit advocacy organization that builds consumer participation in the shaping of the U.S. health care system.