



Institute for Child Health Policy Background and Current Research

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Background

- Faculty and Staff
- Major Projects
 - State
 - National
 - Collaboration with the Medicaid Center



Faculty and Staff

- Four tenured and tenure-accruing faculty with appointments in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Florida with joint appointments in the Department of Health Policy and Epidemiology in the College of Medicine
- New faculty member – PhD statistician beginning July 1, 2003



Faculty and Staff

- Three faculty in scholar positions
 - 1 PhD economist
 - 1 PhD demographer
 - 1 PhD pharmacy administration
- Collaborators
 - College of Business
 - College of Health Policy and Epidemiology
 - Sociology and Psychology Departments
 - Medicaid Center and the College of Health Related Professions
 - Department of Pediatrics, OB/GYN, and Medicine
 - College of Pharmacy
 - Other Universities



Faculty and Staff

- Five programmers
- Two project coordinators
- Three program assistants
- 1 network manager and an assistant
- Graduate and undergraduate students



Focus

- Health services research addressing the organization and financing of the health care delivery system and outcomes of care for children and adolescents
- State evaluations of Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP) to assess the quality of care that children receive and their outcomes of care
- Demonstration projects that include extensive evaluation components of new approaches for care delivery
- Information dissemination projects to ensure that recent research and policy analyses are disseminated to policy makers and state agency administrators



State Projects

- Annual Florida KidCare Evaluation
 - Descriptive reports for legislative session
 - Spring report – extensive analyses of factors related to satisfaction, health care use
 - Special studies – Waiting list, anticipatory guidance and others



State Projects

- Healthy Kids Evaluation
 - Health care use analyses
 - Health care expenditures
 - Decision support functions
 - Satisfaction with care, access to care and other studies



State Projects

- Partnership with DOH
 - Especially State Title V Program – Children’s Medical Services
 - Evaluating ICS Project
 - Identification of CSHCN
 - Hospice
 - Outcomes of care
 - Outreach Program



National

- Designated by Maternal and Child Health Bureau as a National Center on Financing for Children with Special Health Care Needs
 - Developing financing and reimbursement strategies for all children's health care with an emphasis on CSHCN with a team of economists
 - Special advisory committee
 - Technical reports and web-based options



National

- Analysis of health care delivery system factors and their influence on outcomes of care for CSHCN and adolescents
- Demonstration and evaluation – telemedicine project
- Evaluating entire Medicaid Program and CHIP for Texas – both adults and children



Collaboration with the Medicaid Center

- Annual surveys of HMO and MediPass child enrollees
- Special studies
 - Transitions between KidCare Program components
 - ER Diversion Study



University of Florida Initiative

- Campus-wide
 - Institute for Child and Adolescent Research and Evaluation
 - Multidisciplinary
 - Broad range of issues affecting child and adolescent well-being