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