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Idaho Children's Health Project



The Idaho Children's Health Project (ICHP), provides medical, dental and behavioral health care to low income, uninsured and medically uninsured children and their families in rural communities throughout South Central Idaho.

The ICHP's patient population is comprised of low-income, uninsured families during the school year, and expands to include migrant seasonal farm workers during the summer months. Many of these patients have limited access to health care, frequently due to lack of public transportation in the area. Given the rural location, some patients are as far as an hour away from a care facility. In addition to a lack of transportation, many patients, including migrant workers and their families, experience language and cultural barriers to health care. The ICHP provides services at a combination of fixed site clinics and on the Mobile Dental Clinic.

Serving Communities in Need



The age composition of the ICHP's patient population is: 29% pediatric (ages 0-11), 12% adolescent (ages 12-18), and 59% adult (18 years of age and older). The gender breakdown is 41% male and 59% female. The demographic breakdown is 44% Hispanic/Latino and 50% Caucasian, with less than 0.5% African American and Asian. Forty-five percent of ICHP's patients are uninsured, 28% have Medicaid, 21% have private health insurance, and 6% are on Medicare.

PROGRAM FACTS

Home Institution/Affiliation:
Family Health Services/St. Luke's Hospital and the University of Utah Health Sciences Center

Year Established:
June 2004

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Available Services

Medical

- Comprehensive primary care, including well child/adult examinations;
- Management of acute and chronic illnesses;
- Screenings, including vision and hearing testing;
- Family planning services; and
- Health and nutrition education.

Behavioral Health Services

- Psychiatric and developmental testing;
- Counseling services; and
- Medication management.

Dental Services

- Comprehensive oral health care;
- Screenings and dental exams;
- Digital x-rays;
- Oral health education; and
- Specialist referrals.

Program Sites

The ICHP travels throughout South Central Idaho, providing services at FHS fixed clinic sites, several public schools and Head Start Programs. These sites are located in Twin Falls, Buhl, Jerome, Fairfield, Hailey, Wendell, Burley and Rupert, Idaho. The Head Start programs visited included those in the cities of Hansen, Hailey, Jerome and Wendell. For the American Dental Association's Give Kids a Smile program, the ICHP visited Flier Elementary School in Flier, Idaho.



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