

HEALTH POLICY

- **HelpHub** is an online community where more than 1,400 ACA enrollment and outreach stakeholders share their experiences helping consumers enroll into new health care options.
- **Starting Strong for Community Health Webinars** provide education about the latest health policies and how they will affect the populations we serve and health providers throughout the state. Presentations and webinars are customized for different audiences.
- **ACA Ambassador Program** trains and coordinates community members to help individuals, families, and businesses better understand how the Affordable Care Act may affect them.

EverThrive Illinois: Health Reform Initiative

EverThrive Illinois works to improve the health of women, children, and families over the lifespan through community engagement, partnerships, policy analysis, education, and advocacy.

Our *Health Reform Initiative* is devoted to the promotion and implementation of positive health care reform policies and the strengthening of Medicaid and other safety net systems. We provide education for stakeholders and consumers on the impact of new health care laws, while advocating for policies that bring us closer to providing every individual with high quality, comprehensive health care.

Learn more: www.everthriveil.org/healthreform



Educating Health Leaders



We know that even the best of health policies cannot reach their full potential unless there is accurate and widespread education to aid the implementation process. Our Health Reform Initiative has connected with more than 15,000 individuals since 2010, training health professionals, advocates, and community leaders about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and strategies to get coverage.

We are committed to bringing health reform knowledge to individuals and agencies across the state. If health reform trainings are needed in your area, please contact us.

HEALTH REFORM SUCCESSES

95.8%

COVERED KIDS

In 2013, 95.8% of Illinois children were insured, the ninth highest insured rate among children in the country, largely as a result of our AllKids program. ¹

500,000+

NEWLY ENROLLED

By passing SB26- Medicaid Financing for the Uninsured in 2013, IL expanded Medicaid coverage to more adults and enrolled more than 500,000 individuals in the first year of open enrollment. ¹

9.5 million

COVERED AMERICANS

Since October 2013, more than 9.5 million people across the country have gained health coverage through state and federal marketplaces and expanded Medicaid or CHIP. ⁴



Formerly Illinois Maternal & Child Health Coalition

For information about upcoming meetings and trainings or health reform resources, please contact Kathy Waligora at kwaligora@everthriveil.org.

THE CASE FOR HEALTH REFORM

1.5 million

UNINSURED ADULTS

Twenty percent of adults in Illinois were uninsured before they received coverage through the Affordable Care Act. ¹



49%

DELAYED CARE

Almost half of the uninsured report needing but postponing care in the previous year; the most common reason for delaying care is prohibitive cost. ²

- 1 Illinois Health Matters: The Uninsured in Illinois
- 2 Kaiser Family Foundation 2013 Survey of Low-Income Americans and the ACA
- 3 Georgetown University Health Policy Institute Center for Children and Families
- 4 U.S. Department of Health & Human Services