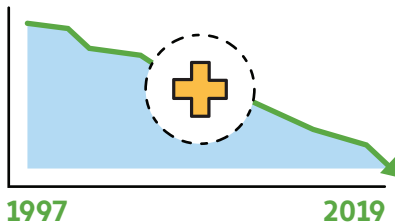# TOP TEN WAYS MEDICAID HELPS
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Medicaid covers more than 45 million children in more ways than one. The program provides comprehensive care – including school-based services like speech and physical therapy, counseling, and transportation – to ensure our kids have healthy futures. **Here are the top ten facts you should know about how Medicaid serves children and their families.**
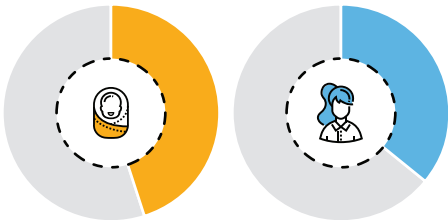

1997   **2019**

45 million children currently receive health coverage through Medicaid or CHIP.[1]

Thanks to Medicaid and CHIP, **just 4.8 percent of American children are uninsured** – down from 67.9 percent in 1997.[2]

Children make up **43 percent of the total US Medicaid population.**[3]

Medicaid and CHIP play a critical role in providing health coverage to young children, **covering 45 percent of children under the age of six** and **36 percent of children between the ages of six and 18.**[4]

Children who have access to Medicaid coverage **are less likely to drop out of high school and more likely to graduate from college.**[5]

Medicaid provides health care to children who need it most, covering 44 percent of children with special health care needs.[6]
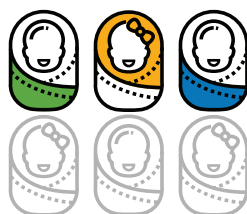
Medicaid and CHIP provide coverage for most young children with family incomes near the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)

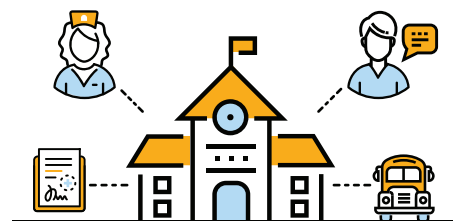Medicaid and CHIP cover **81 percent** of children under 6 from families making less than $27,821 annually.

Medicaid and CHIP cover **74 percent** of children under 6 from families making less than $40,320 annually.[7]

Medicaid provides coverage for working families. 64.5 percent of children enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP live in a family with at least one full-time worker.[8]

Medicaid and CHIP support **approximately 50 percent of all births in the United States.**[9]

Medicaid spent about $4 billion on school-based health care services in 2015, including assessments, speech and physical therapy, counseling, medical services, and special transportation.[10]

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