



THE CHILDREN'S CHAMPION

The Insure Our Kids website is finally here!
Please visit insureourkids.org to learn more about the campaign.



TennCare and CoverKids provide free or low-cost health insurance for children and teens. These programs cover regular checkups, immunizations, doctor and dentist visits, hospital care, mental health services, prescriptions and more. Children in a family of four making up to \$61,500 can qualify. Children in families that are above the income limit may still qualify if the child has special health care needs that are very expensive.

Enroll your children and teens in TennCare and CoverKids today. It's open year-round and you can have the peace of mind in knowing your kids are covered.

**VISIT INSUREOURKIDS.ORG
FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

Visit insureourkids.org to download this flyer and distribute it.

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- TJC's children's health team published [a blog](#) about our Student Ambassador Program. Two of our Student Ambassadors recently tabled during lunch at McGavock High School where they shared information about health insurance eligibility and enrollment with hundreds of their fellow students.
- For moms of kids with special needs, being a mom is more than a full time job. Full-time caregivers like Danielle would be forced to find a 20 hour a week job or lose their health care under the proposed Medicaid cuts. Tennessee mother Danielle describes why work requirements would prevent her from being a mother to her medically complex child and asks Speaker Beth Harwell to "let me be a mom."

[WATCH DANIELLE'S VIDEO HERE](#)

TN families of children with complex health care needs are fighting to keep their children at home.

- [Murfreestown family fights TennCare to keep daughter out of hospital](#) - The Daily News Journal (Murfreestown)
 - Same story ran in [the Tennessean](#).
- ['We've always had to fight': Parents battle TennCare for children's in-home care full-time](#) - The Daily News Journal (Murfreestown)
- [The last volume of the Children's Champion](#).

THE MORE YOU KNOW

Research: Medicaid Pulls Families Out of Poverty

- Health Affairs' [Estimating The Effects Of Health Insurance And Other Social Programs On Poverty Under The Affordable Care Act](#)
- Health Affairs' [Medicaid Versus Marketplace Coverage For Near-Poor Adults: Effects On Out-Of-Pocket Spending and Coverage](#)
- Journal of Health Economics' [The Poverty -Reducing Effect of Medicaid](#)

Check out Georgetown Center for Children and Families' [expert analysis](#) of these studies.

LOOKING FORWARD

Federal level:

Congress passed the Bipartisan Budget Act on February 9th, which authorized four more years of funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program. [Click here](#) to learn why that's a win for families AND the budget.

State level:

SB 1728 (corresponding Senate bill of Speaker Harwell's bill: HB 1551) directs commissioner to submit waiver to impose "reasonable" work requirements upon able-bodied working age adult enrollees without dependent children under the age of six. This bill

will be up for consideration in the Senate Health and Welfare Committee Wednesday, March 14. [Check back here](#) for updated action on the bills.

Work requirements refresher:

Past administrations of both parties have determined that such a policy would undermine Medicaid's core goal of providing health coverage to people who cannot afford to pay for the medical care they need. The likely result will be an increase in bureaucracy and red tape and a reduction in access to health care for people who need it most. If Tennessee seeks to implement this misguided policy, parents living at or below the poverty level will be hit the hardest, and their children will suffer as a result.

Read TJC's full policy brief [here](#).

JOIN US

TJC Community Mom Nominations

Do you know a mom who deserves recognition?
We want to honor mothers who fight every day to make sure their children get the health care that they need. Nominate her by April 17!

Visit tnjustice.org/mom for more details!

Please spread the word about the Insure Our Kids recurring webinar!

TennCare and CoverKids Enrollment: The Basics

The 2nd Thursday of every month through December 2018 at 11 AM CST



**INSURE OUR KIDS
ENROLLMENT TRAINING**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12
11 AM CST**

[Register for the April enrollment webinar here!](#)

**Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth:
Children's Advocacy Days**



Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 10:00 AM - Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 12:00 PM (CDT)

War Memorial Auditorium
301 6th Ave N
Nashville, TN 37243

Registration: <https://cad2018.eventbrite.com>.

As a reminder, the Tennessee Justice Center also helps with:

1. Enrollment onto TennCare and CoverKids
2. Service Issues
3. Redetermination Issues

If you ever encounter anyone who is having trouble getting health insurance or getting health services, please call TJC: (615) 255-0331.

If there is any information you would like us to share on your behalf, including events and resources, please reply to this email.

Sincerely,

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