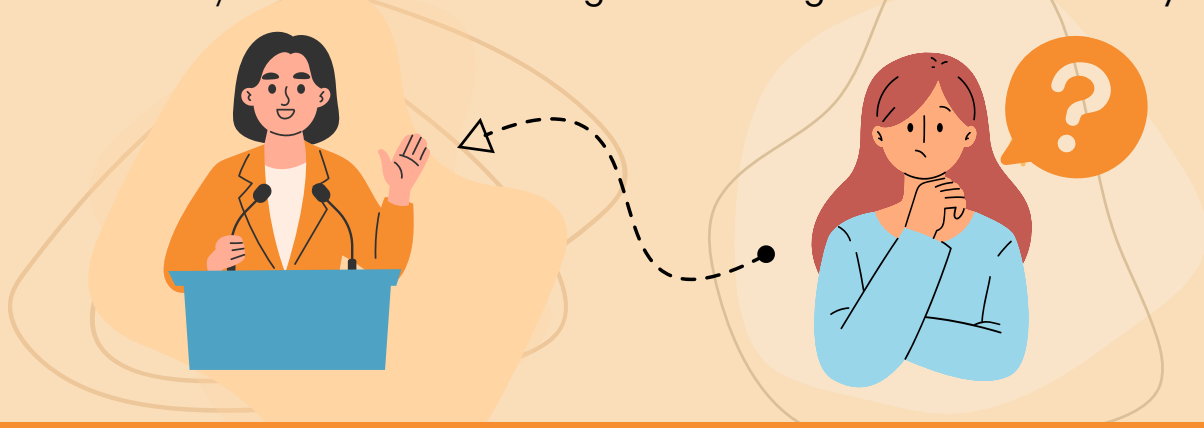




ASK THE CANDIDATES: Ensuring Health for Arizona's Kids

Arizona children deserve to go to school healthy and ready to learn. Health insurance coverage plays a vital role in ensuring our kids receive the care they need. But what are legislators doing to make this a reality?



Child Healthcare Facts

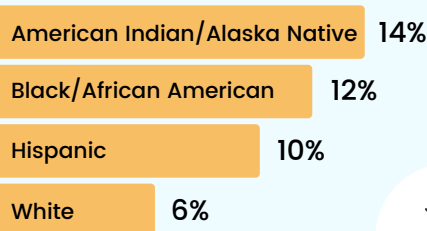
FACT: 1 IN 8 eligible children are not enrolled in AHCCCS/KidsCare

This means thousands of children in Arizona are without vital healthcare like routine visits, vision care, dental care, and medically necessary treatments & devices.



8.4%
of children in Arizona do not have health insurance.

Uninsured Rates by Race and Ethnicity



American Indian and Black children face the highest rates of being uninsured.



In 2024, Arizona expanded KidsCare by raising income limits, allowing more families to qualify for affordable health coverage.

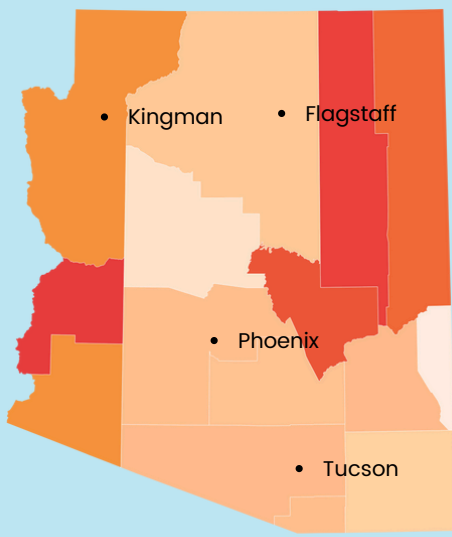
Why do so many children still lack coverage?

- 1 Many families don't know their children qualify.
- 2 The application process can be complex, making it harder for families to sign up.
- 3 Better outreach is needed to help families understand their options.

Maternal Health Facts

FACT: 90% of all pregnancy-associated deaths are preventable.

Arizona's restrictive income limits for AHCCCS coverage during pregnancy leave many without vital prenatal and postnatal care, putting their health and safety at greater risk.

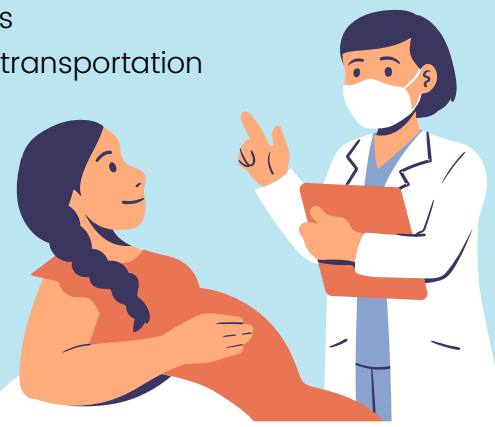


Rural Arizonans face higher pregnancy risks due to limited resources and environmental challenges like....

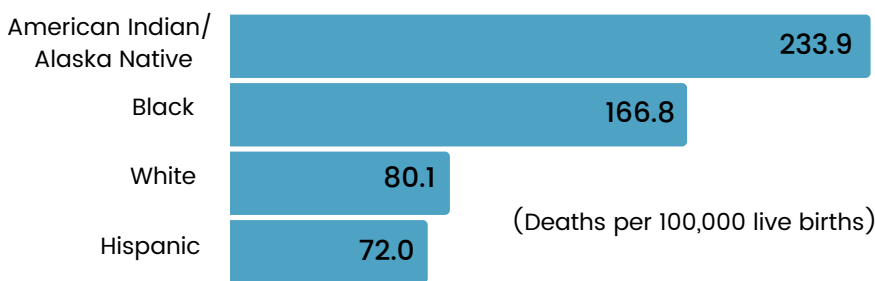
- Limited family planning and reproductive services
- Environmental pollution
- Housing conditions
- Lack of access to transportation

We can help if we...

Expand AHCCCS/Medicaid to cover more pregnant people, especially those at high risk, to reduce maternal deaths and improve long-term health.



Pregnancy-associated mortality is taking a toll in Arizona, especially for American Indian and Black women, showing the need to increase AHCCCS eligibility during pregnancy.



Source: Maternal Mortality in Arizona, 2018-19, Arizona Department of Health Services, Published January 2024

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

1

What steps are you taking to ensure all Arizona children have access to affordable health insurance?

Why This Matters: Health care coverage saves lives and also improves access to essential care that supports a child's development. With the right care, kids are more likely to succeed in school, graduate, attend college, and grow into healthy adults.

2

How will you address the barriers that prevent families from enrolling their children in health insurance programs?

Why This Matters: Many eligible families face challenges in navigating the health insurance system. Simplifying enrollment processes and increasing outreach can help more children receive the coverage they need.

3

Will you support removing the AHCCCS five-year waiting period for legal permanent residents who are pregnant?

Why This Matters: Removing the AHCCCS five-year waiting period gives Arizonans who are legal residents access to essential prenatal care when pregnant. This improves health outcomes for both mothers and babies, helping families and communities across Arizona.



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