

## **ARKids First Outreach**

The Arkansas Finish Line Coalition is committed to completing three major goals: (1) Reduce the number of uninsured children below 200% of the federal poverty line from 44,000 to 22,000; (2) Expand coverage from 200% to 300% of poverty line; and (3) Develop a buy-in program for children in families with incomes above 300% of poverty.

Currently, over 40,000 Arkansas children below 200% of poverty are eligible for ARKids First but are not enrolled. They represent over half of all uninsured children in the state. To address this issue, Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families (AACF) is working with partners across the state to find and enroll these children. Through a renewed outreach campaign in partnership with the Arkansas Department of Human Services and Arkansas Finish Line Coalition, we seek to increase public awareness of this crisis as well as identify and address enrollment and reenrollment barriers to ensure that children receive continuous ARKids First coverage. Seven regional sites or liaisons will work with local organizations, policymakers, leaders, and citizens to inform the public of the importance of health care coverage for all children.

Outreach sites partner with various community organizations, conduct local forums, provide ARKids trainings, and use other activities to increase awareness and identify the challenges and solutions to ensuring all children have health insurance.

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