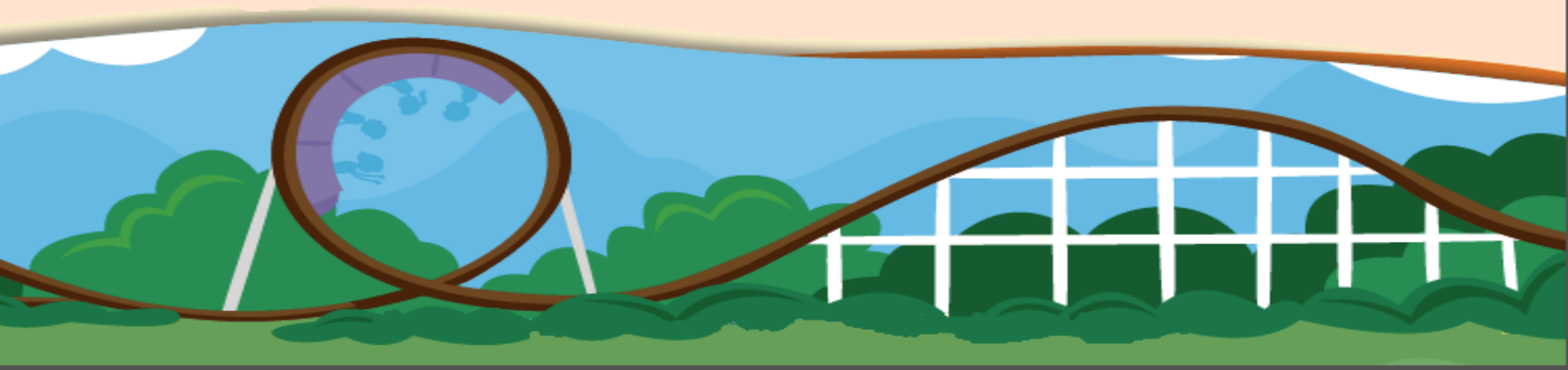
The Twists & Turns of Covering Kids

Never a Dull Moment

- 1994 — Clinton Health Plan Fails
- 1997 — SCHIP Enacted
- 2001-3 — CHIP DIP Shortfalls Freezes
- 2008 — Bipartisan Approval of CHIP
- 2008 — Bush Vetoes CHIP Twice
- 2008 — August 17 Directive
- 2009 — Obama Signs CHIPRA
- 2010 — ACA Enacted
- 2012 — Supreme Court Ruling
- 2013-4 — 26 States and D.C. expand Medicaid
- 2013 — Enrollment systems flop
- 2014 — Enrollment exceeds original targets

Thrown for a Loop

- Supreme court ruling
- Politics
- Reams of regulations to digest
- Media frenzy and misinformation
- Shifting guidance
- Misguided state navigator laws
- Systems issues and workarounds



Testing our Strength

…But, "The Law is Here to Stay"

Perseverance is the will to see things through until the end in spite of fear, obstacles, discouragement, and opposition. With perseverance, we can accomplish great things.

In the Game Together

We thrive as a community, because we know we are in this game together.

- Learn from other another
- Share each other's pain
- Celebrate each other's success

Three Great Flavors

A Continuum of Coverage;
New Options for the Uninsured

Tallying the Receipts

- Net 10 million people previously uninsured gained coverage
- Incredible achievement 26 states covering "people no one cares about"

Welcome Mat for Kids

Arkansas
25,000

Colorado
26,000

Washington
80,000

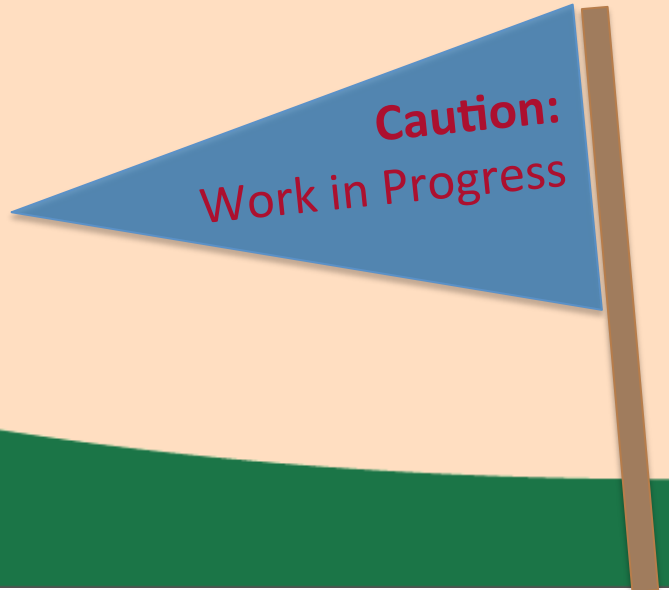
Ticket Information

- 24 states to-go
- Achieve the vision of data-driven, real-time eligibility and enrollment
- Create better plan comparison tools
- Educate consumers on how to use their insurance and access care
- Fulfill promise of pediatric services kids need

Bumping Up Against Barriers

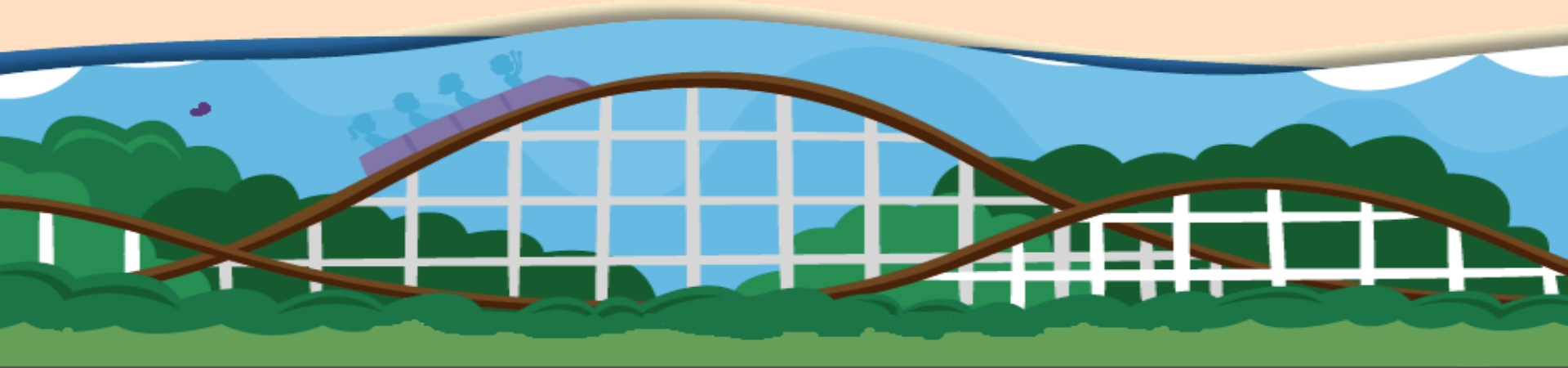
It's not perfect, YET

- Acutely difficult for lawfully siding immigrant families
- Stubborn states not embracing ACA
- Resources and bandwidth



Ups & Downs of CHIP Reauthorization

- Can't take "backwards step" in covering kids
- "CHIP needs to continue until we know kids won't be worse off"
- Significant education needed to bring kids' issues to forefront but delicate balance:
  - Making case for what kids need without undermining QHP coverage
  - Dealing with the question of choice



States Taking Advantage of CHIPRA Tools and Incentives

Reflections of the Year

2012 ACS data show continuing decline in the rate of uninsured children (at national level and in 36 states).

CHIPRA Child Health Quality Measures – 47 states reporting a median of 14 (of 22) measures

First-ever CMS release of monthly state-by-state Medicaid and CHIP enrollment

Significant transformation of technology underway, replacing decades old eligibility systems

More than half of the states have expanded Medicaid, including 7 with R Governors

10% ↑ in public coverage: 5% ↓ in high school dropout ↑ in college attendance and attainment

Reflections of the Year

OH expanded children's PE; CO turned switch on 12-month continuous eligibility

OH and CO began covering lawfully residing immigrant kids

AR, CA, IL, NJ, OR, WV used fast-track strategies to enroll SNAP families in Medicaid and CHIP

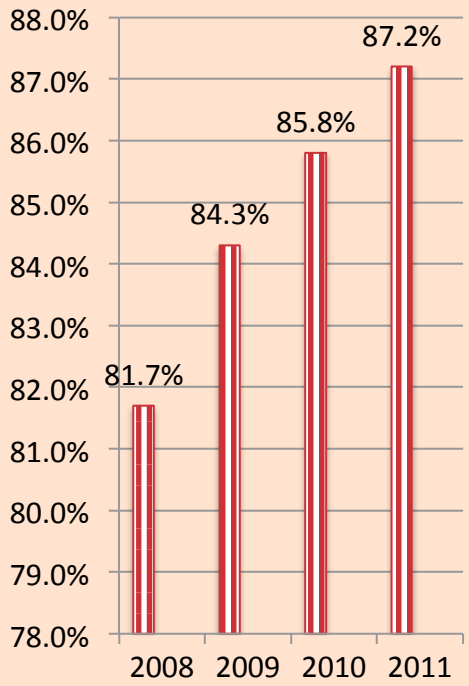
More than 500,000 stairstep children now protected by Medicaid's entitlement

17 States eliminated CHIP waiting periods; 21 to go

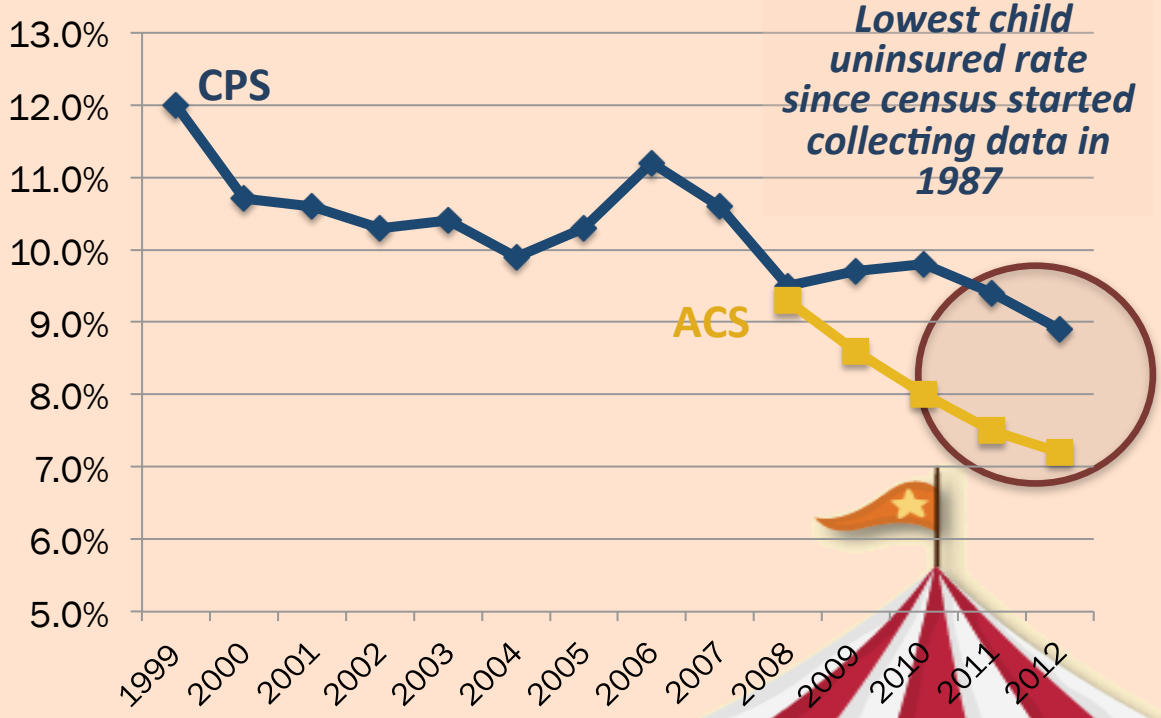
12 states will cover former foster care youth who aged out in a different state

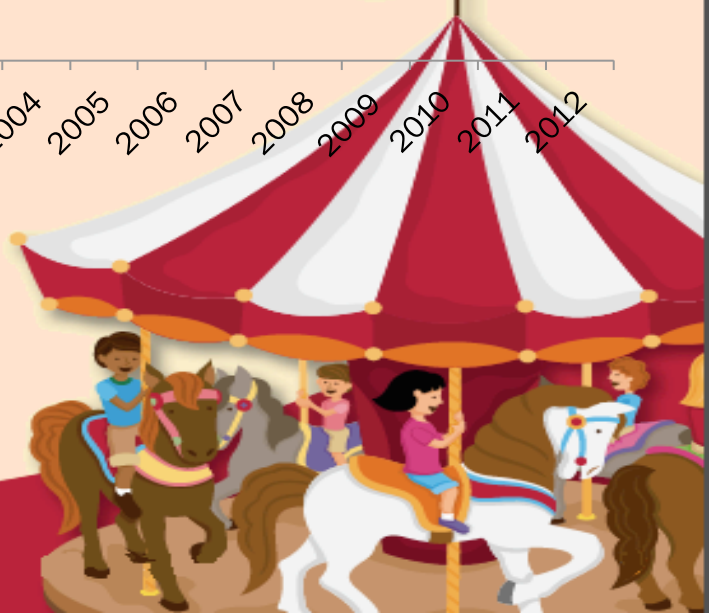
Celebrating our Success

Medicaid and CHIP Participation Continues to Grow



Lowest child uninsured rate since census started collecting data in 1987





Sticking with us

Advocates, stakeholders, funders and legislative champions working together to:

- Expand Medicaid
- Protect Medicaid/CHIP
- Fix the ACA
- Enroll all eligible children

Step Right Up

If policymakers put the best interests of consumers first, if they design Marketplaces and coverage options that work for consumers, it should be possible to achieve something that has eluded our country for decades: near universal access to affordable health care.

At the End of the Day

To laugh often and much;
To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;
To appreciate beauty;
To find the best in others;
To leave the world a bit better,
whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;
To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded.

–Ralph Waldo Emerson