## Medicaid is Vital to Oklahoma's Children

Medicaid, or SoonerCare, is a public health insurance program designed to help people who otherwise could not afford health coverage.

Medicaid is a lifeline to children and families in Oklahoma and is built with children's unique needs in mind.

## 49% of people enrolled in Medicaid in Oklahoma are children



Medicaid pays for 52% of Oklahoma births

Helps ensure access to critical prenatal care, maternity care, and postpartum services.



Medicaid covers 47% of all Oklahoma children

Insures children in low-income families and nearly all children in foster care.



Medicaid covers 57% of children in Oklahoma with special health care needs

Provides medical, behavioral health, and long term care for children with special health care needs and disabilities.



Medicaid is the largest source of federal funding for mental health services

Supports mental and behavioral health treatment for children, adolescents, and adults.

## SOONERCARE IS VITAL TO OKLAHOMA'S CHILDREN



The federal government contributes \$1.98 to Medicaid for every \$1 Oklahoma invests.



68% of federal funding sent to Oklahoma is for Medicaid, which is about \$7.0 billion annually.

Medicaid is a smart long-term investment in children.



Miss fewer school days

## Children enrolled in Medicaid:



Are more likely to graduate from high school



Grow up to be healthier adults



Earn higher wages



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