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Harbor Health Services, Inc. RECOGNIZED FOR COMMITMENT TO ENROLLING UNINSURED CHILDREN AS PART OF MONTH-LONG STATEWIDE CHALLENGE

The Neponset Health Center, Geiger Gibson Community Health Center and the Mid Upper Cape Community Health Center Successfully Helped to enroll 1479 Children During Month of May, Pledges to Help Parents Keep Their Kids Connected to Benefits

Boston, MA – The Neponset Health Center, the Geiger Gibson Community Health Center and the Mid Upper Cape Community Health Center were recognized today for their pivotal role in enrolling 1479 previously-uninsured kids in health care coverage as part of a statewide challenge sponsored by Health Care For All's "got coverage? Health Coverage for Kids and Teens" campaign. Through the dedicated efforts of Harbor Health Services, Inc. and its three community health centers' staff, Health Care For All's statewide enrollment challenge exceeded its goal of insuring 500 children by working with 65 other organizations to successfully enroll 1479 kids during the month of May.

While Massachusetts boasts the highest coverage rate in the nation, there were still thousands of uninsured children living in Massachusetts before the statewide challenge. However, Harbor Health Services, Inc. along with 65 other organizations in the state, redoubled their enrollment efforts and began to cut down on the number of uninsured children living in the Commonwealth.

During the month-long challenge, participating enrollment groups found that the reason many parents do not insure their children is because the rules are often confusing and they are not sure how or when to reenroll their kids in health care coverage each year. For this reason, today Health Care For All has asked the 66 organizations that worked to insure 1479 children during May to continue to keep these kids connected to care by advising parents about ways to keep their kids enrolled. The 66 enrollment organizations will receive educational outreach materials, including bookmarks and magnets, which detail the steps consumers must take in order to maintain health coverage. These materials feature actionable reminders for consumers to use, like informing MassHealth of mailing address or employment status changes, and when their family's health insurance renewal is due. The Neponset Health Center, Mid Upper Cape Community Health Center, and the Geiger Gibson Community Health Center (the first community health center in the country) has stepped up to this second challenge and will make sure families keep their health insurance.

"We know many families in the Commonwealth are struggling to stay connected to health care coverage. If parents and guardians are given the tools to ensure

their children are reenrolled in coverage every year, we believe we can significantly reduce the number of uninsured children in the Commonwealth,” said Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Executive Director of Health Care For All. “We are so grateful to the 66 participating organizations, including the Neponset Health Center, Geiger Gibson Community Health Center and the Mid Upper Cape Community Health Center who stood up for kids. Their work will yield healthier outcomes for generations to come.”

“We are thrilled that our ongoing efforts paid off. Assisting individuals and their families with enrolling in health insurance and providing high-quality primary care and specialist care is an everyday event for us. We are thrilled that we were able to reach out and help get children the care that they needed. After hearing some of the stories from parents who’s child did not have health insurance and it was preventing them from receiving the health care that they needed and how now they would be able to get their child’s prescriptions were as much as a reward you could ask for.”

For a full list of participating organizations, [please click here.](#)

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