



Topic: 10th Annual Children's Health Day

Date: Saturday, August 14th, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Locations: Alameda Mall, 555 Alameda Mall, I-45 South at Alameda-Genoa/ South Shaver Exit
Northwest Mall, 555 Northwest Mall, Hwy 290 at Hempstead Hwy or W. 18th St.

What is Children's Health Day?

An annual event sponsored by Change Happens! that attracts thousands of visitors and local providers of children's services. Children's Health Day is held it each year before school starts to help prepare parents and young people for school. Services and products such as health screenings, immunizations, school supplies, and much more are offered by our participating organizations.

This is Change Happens! 10th Annual Children's Health Day. The primary purpose of the event is to inform and educate families about the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). CHIP offers health care for children, from birth to age 18, whose families earn too much to get Medicaid and can't afford private health insurance. Children's Health Day has grown to over 80 vendors participating at two local malls.

Who are some of the participating organizations? Can others participate?

In addition to helping families complete applications for CHIP, Medicaid and Food Stamps, a wide range of community providers will make available services such as: vision and dental screenings, immunizations, HIV testing, and more. In addition, providers such as Harris County Hospital District, City of Houston, Houston Public Library and many more will also be on hand. There will also be live entertainment, performers, public officials, and give aways for families.

Is there a fee to attend?

There is NO fee to attend and all of the services are free.

Why does Change Happens! Sponsor Children's Health Day - it must be very time consuming and costly to coordinate?

We do it because it is the right thing to do. Healthcare is expensive especially for the uninsured. We recognize that many families are without health coverage for their children. These are working families that may earn too much for Medicaid, but not enough to get private health insurance. We do not want parents making a choice between providing healthcare for their children or food.

Texas has the highest percentage of people without health insurance in the nation. Over a million children in Texas are uninsured - almost half of these uninsured children are eligible for CHIP or Medicaid. Children should have the proper medical attention to ensure they are healthy and successful. That is why our theme is, "Healthy Children...Healthy Futures." Additionally, many families do not know about the wide array of services and programs that are available in our community to assist them.

What is Change Happens!?

Change Happens! Formerly Families Under Urban and Social Attack is one of the largest, minority founded, non-profit agencies in Harris County. During the late 1980's, Rev. Leslie Smith II, the founder of Change Happens! became increasingly exasperated with the multiple risks parents in his congregation faced in trying to successfully raise their children in the inner city. The families and

communities were facing risks that they knew correlated to involvement in gangs and substance use, to school failure, to teen pregnancies, and a multitude of other poor outcomes. With a background in business, he set out to educate himself about state-of-the-art prevention and treatment interventions that provided effective outcomes. Change Happens! was created in 1989 to help children and their families overcome the educational and social obstacles surrounding poor and working-poor households.

Change Happens! employs a holistic approach servicing the broad needs, interest, and talents of children and families.

Mission

The mission of Change Happens! is “Empowering families to help themselves.”

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