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Immunization Program

Web page: www.health.state.ok.us/program/imm/index.html

State Immunization Information System

Oklahoma State Immunization Information System (OSIIS)
 A phase II project of All Kids Count, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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State Laws

Visit the Immunization Action Coalition for a list of state immunization laws at: www.immunize.org/laws

CHAPTER IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITIES**Advocacy**

The Oklahoma chapter has been instrumental in advocating for Medicaid reform. The chapter sued the Oklahoma Health Care Authority on behalf of the state's children for failure to administer Medicaid according to Federal law.

Partnerships

In 2002, the OK chapter partnered with the Department of Pediatrics of the College of Medicine, OU-Tulsa, and the Oklahoma State Department of Health to measure immunization coverage of 2-3 year old patients served by private practices. Chapter members volunteered to be part of the Assessment, Feedback, Incentive, and eXchange (AFIX) process in order to do so.

In 2001, the OK chapter joined with other AAP chapters at a Workshop on State-based Immunization Teams. The workshop was designed to assist states, its decision makers, and clinicians in dealing with challenges posed by misinformation and often organized efforts to discredit state-based immunization programs. As a result of the meeting, the OK team has worked to establish partnerships with the Immunization Program of the Oklahoma State Department of Health, primary care physicians, office nurses, managed care organizations, media organizations, and others to develop the Oklahoma State Immunization Information Team.

The OK Chapter has also worked with Blue Cross and Blue Shield's foundation for children to circulate "Caring Vans" which provide immunizations for children.

State-specific Issues

In an effort to help immunize children against 11 dangerous diseases before their second birthday, the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) announced a new children's immunization campaign called "OK By One," which began during the 2004 National Infant Immunization Week. The "OK By One" campaign modifies Oklahoma's childhood immunization schedule so that the fourth dose of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis) vaccine, traditionally given at 15 months, is moved to 12 months of age, if six months have passed since the third dose.

2006 National Immunization Survey, estimated vaccine coverage (4:3:1:3:3:1 series) among children aged 19-35 months in Oklahoma = 78%

