

The Children's Partnership Program Highlights

1993

The Children's Partnership (TCP) is founded in Santa Monica, California, to advocate that all children—especially those most at risk—have the opportunity to grow up to lead healthy and productive lives.

1994

America's Children and the Information Superhighway: A Briefing Book and National Action Agenda released, which was the first comprehensive report about kids and the Internet.

1995

- Washington, DC office opens.
- Computers in Our Future, a \$7.3 million initiative to create 11 community technology centers in California, is launched, with TCP as one of three coordinating organizations.
- TCP briefs Vice President Gore on families and technology.

1996

- *America's Uninsured Children and the Changing Policy Environment: A Strategic Audit of Activities and Opportunities* is released.
- *The Parent's Guide to the Information Superhighway* is released with the National PTA and National Urban League. It has since been translated into three languages and nearly a million copies have been distributed.
- ChildrensPartnership.org is launched and awarded *USA Today* Hot Site Award, NetGuide's Gold Award, and outstanding Web site by the Webcrawler Select Editorial Team.

1997

- *Lessons from History: Building a Movement for America's Children*, a monograph by Theda Skocpol, is released.
- 100% Campaign: Health Insurance for Every Child is formed with Children's Defense Fund-California and Children Now.
- TCP is featured at White House Summit on Internet and Kids.
- TCP is recognized by The Computerworld Smithsonian Awards program for vision and leadership in information technologies.

1998

- *Reaching 100% of California's Children with Affordable Health Insurance: A Strategic Audit of Activities and Opportunities* is released as part of the 100% Campaign.
- *California's New Health Insurance Program for Children: What the Small Business Owner Should Know* is released.
- Computers in Our Future centers open in 11 California communities.
- *You Can Open a New World*, a computer brochure for low-literacy readers, is released.

1999

- TCP, along with the 100% Campaign, gains streamlined health insurance enrollment process for uninsured kids and increased number of kids eligible for Medi-Cal and Healthy Families, California's Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance (SCHIP) programs.

- TCP launches Express Lane Eligibility Initiative with release of *Express Lane Eligibility: How to Enroll Large Groups of Eligible Children in Medicaid and CHIP*.
- TCP joins with advocates and industry to launch GetWise.org, an online safety information site for parents.
- TCP raises \$1.6 million in corporate contributions for the Computers In Our Future centers.

2000

- *Putting Express Lane Eligibility into Practice* is released in conjunction with the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured.
- *Online Content for Low-Income and Underserved Americans: The Digital Divide's New Frontier* is released at the Press Club in Washington, DC.

2001

- First California Express Lane Eligibility bills (AB 59 and SB 493) signed into law.
- *Healthy Families: Family Health Insurance Through One Door* is released.
- *Pathways to Our Future* program to teach technology skills to low-income youth is launched.

2002

- *The Majority of California's Low-Income Uninsured Children Are Enrolled in the School Lunch Program: A Strategy for Reaching Nearly 700,000 Children With Health Insurance* is released.
- ContentBank.org launches to spur the development of online content and tools for and by low-income and other underserved Americans.
- First community technology advocacy day held in Sacramento with over 100 supporters.
- First community technology bill (SB1863) signed into law.

2003

- TCP and The California Endowment hold a press event to launch Express Lane with California Governor and First Lady.
- Express Lane Eligibility is implemented in five California school districts.
- *Children Falling Through the Health Insurance Cracks* is released.
- *Closing Insurance Gaps for Families: WIC Can Help Make it Happen* is released.
- TCP helps launch the Children's Health Initiative of Greater Los Angeles. **(CONFIRM)**
- Digital Divide Grant Program is created through legislation (AB 855).

2004

- Second California Express Lane law is enacted (SB 1196).
- Comprehensive California children's health reform proposal (SB 437/AB 772) is developed and introduced.
- Californians for Healthy Kids, a partnership of the 100% Campaign and PICO California with more than 200 organizations supporting the goal of covering all kids, is launched.
- *Building an On-Ramp to Children's Health Coverage: A Report on California's Uninsured Children* is released.

2005

- *Measuring Digital Opportunity for America's Children: Where We Stand and Where We Go From Here* is released, including 40 quantifiable indicators to assess benefits of digital technology for children over time.
- TCP launches the Digital Opportunity Measuring Stick tool containing 40 quantifiable indicators to assess benefits of digital technology over time.
- *Mapping Children's Health Coverage Enrollment* is released.
- Express Lane Eligibility is implemented in 121 California schools.

2006

- TCP sponsors Proposition 86, a California tobacco tax ballot measure to insure all uninsured children.
- SB 437, a bill to simplify children's health insurance enrollment and renewal in California, is enacted.
- *California's Express Enrollment Program: Lessons from the Medi-Cal/School Lunch Pilot Program—And Suggested Next Steps in Making Enrollment Gateways Efficient and Effective* is released.

2007

- TCP adds E-health as a new program area.
- *E-Health Snapshot: Harnessing Technology to Improve Medicaid and SCHIP Enrollment and Retention Practices* is released.
- Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appoints Wendy Lazarus to sit on the 21-member California Broadband Task Force.
- *Children's Advocacy: A Survey of Children's Organizations Across the Country* is released.
- *Helping Our Children Succeed: What's Broadband Got to Do with It?* is released.
- *Helping Our Children With Disabilities Succeed: What's Broadband Got To Do With It?* is released.
- *Meeting the Health Care Needs of California's Children: The Role of Telemedicine* is released.
- 10th California state law is passed (over seven years) to increase digital opportunities for children and families.
- Express Lane policies are included in SCHIP reauthorization bills.

2008

- TCP wins the Alliance for Public Technology's Susan G. Hadden Award.
- *Information Technology Making a Difference in Children's Lives* is released.
- TCP co-sponsors a congressional briefing on how information technology is making a difference in children's lives.