

Before, During and After School: Florida KidCare is There

Good eating habits, exercise and sufficient sleep are just a few ways for kids to stay healthy. If you add quality health insurance with Florida KidCare to the mix, you have a recipe for children to be successful before, during and after school.

Florida KidCare is the state's low-cost health insurance for children birth through age 18. The program has four components that address the needs of kids at every age and every income level.

There are currently about 1.9 million kids who receive services such as doctor visits, immunizations, dental care, prescriptions and much more. One of the best parts about the program is that all children in Florida can apply—regardless of income.

The amount families' pay is based on household income and family size. Many pay \$15 or \$20 a month, but most pay nothing at all. Plus, we have a full-pay option available for households above twice the Federal Poverty Level or for a family of four, those making more than \$44,000 per year.

After school officials, teachers, administrators and staff all have a responsibility to ensure that students have access to the resources that will help them excel – from crayons and paper to tutoring and health insurance, they all are equally important.

If there is a child in your after-school program without insurance, talk to his or her parents about applying for Florida KidCare. They can apply online at www.floridakidcare.org; print an application from the website and mail it to P.O. Box 980, Tallahassee, FL 32302-0980; or call 1-888-540-5437 to have an application mailed to them.