



Children's Health Initiative Success Story



The Costello Family Solano County

Jocelyne Costello knows all too well the ups and downs of providing for a family. She and her husband, Marcus, were both self-employed and enjoying financial stability. Subsequently, Marcus' construction business went under and the family soon found themselves struggling financially.

The Costello's biggest worry was not having health insurance for their kids, Cody (age 11), Hunter (7) and Sierra (5). Jocelyne and Marcus endured the fear felt by so many uninsured families – what would happen if one of their children got sick?

Thankfully, they soon learned of the Solano Kids Insurance Program (SKIP), which helps enroll eligible families into low- or no-cost health insurance programs. Maria Rios, a SKIP representative, helped Jocelyne navigate the application process and determine that the Costello children were eligible for the Medi-Cal program. Soon after, Cody, Hunter and Sierra received comprehensive health insurance.

The Costello children's coverage could not have come at a better time. One week after the kids' health insurance took effect, Cody broke his leg while playing sports in school. With his Medi-Cal coverage, he was able to receive timely treatment for his injury and proper follow-up care until the doctors gave him a clean bill of health.

Jocelyne is grateful to SKIP for helping secure health insurance for her children. She now can rest assured that Cody, Hunter and Sierra will not only benefit from routine, preventive care, but will they'll also be covered in the event of another emergency.



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