



Children's Health Initiative Success Story



Jennifer Stephenson Solano County

Jennifer Stephenson knows first-hand how beneficial public programs can be for families in need. For seven years, she worked with the Welfare-to-Work program for the County, helping families get back on their feet and connecting them with the Medi-Cal program. She first learned about the Healthy Families program by attending a seminar given by the Solano Kids Insurance Program (SKIP) to inform county employees of all the programs available in the community. She didn't know then how very important that seminar would become to her and her children in the future.

Three years ago, Jennifer was laid off from her job with the county. As a result, she lost her health insurance, and so did her two children, Caylee (now age 9) and Casey (now age 6). As a single mom, she needed to find a job to support her family and medical insurance to, at the very least, cover her children.

Jennifer is now building a career in real estate to help support her family. Being self-employed, she was unable to get affordable group medical coverage for her children.

A former co-worker reminded Jennifer about the SKIP seminar she previously attended. Jennifer filled out applications for Caylee and Casey and soon both kids were enrolled for Healthy Families. She is relieved that Caylee and Casey now have Healthy Families and can get the medical, dental and vision care they need.

Being a single parent isn't easy, especially in California and its high cost of living. That's why Jennifer is truly grateful for programs like SKIP and Healthy Families, which focus on preventive care and predominantly serve children who come from working families.



Caylee and Casey Tompkins