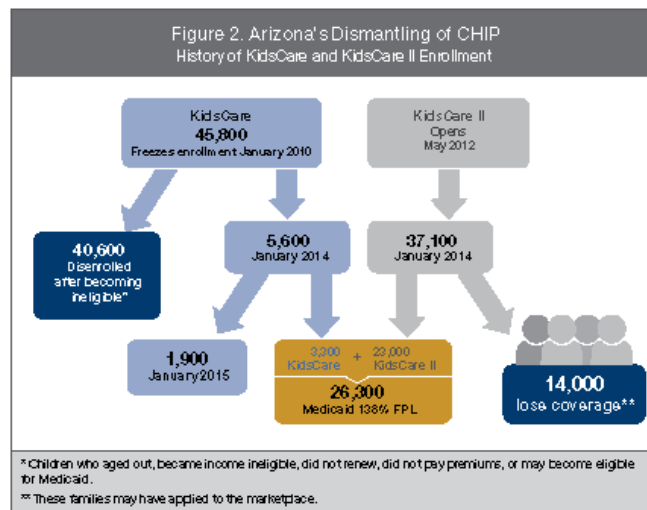


Arizona children have limited options for health coverage after state policymakers dismantled Arizona's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), called KidsCare. Arizona is the only state in the country where children do not have access to CHIP. Two new reports released today by the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families (CCF) focus on how cuts to children's coverage have hurt Arizona families and what lessons can be learned from Arizona's experience for the upcoming national debate on the future of CHIP.



The new reports are based on focus group research and interviews conducted with the families of some of these children by PerryUndem Research and Communications.

The first report chronicles some of the hardships faced by families whose kids lost health care coverage with the dismantling of KidsCare. One parent shared that her daughter who has Lupus and heart and respiratory ailments was hospitalized because her family could not afford the doctor visits and medications she required.

The second report finds that the problems experienced by Arizona families could become more widespread if CHIP is not funded quickly.

Read [\*Living Without KidsCare: Insights from Parents of Children Who Lost Their Health Coverage When Arizona Scaled Back Its Children's Health Insurance Program\*](#) here

and

[\*Children's Coverage in Arizona: A Cautionary Tale for the Future of the Children's Health Insurance Program\*](#) here.

The next step should be for Arizona leaders to work with Congress to chart a path to close this dangerous coverage gap and bring back KidsCare.