



Colorado Children's
Immunization Coalition



WHO WE ARE

The Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition (CCIC) is dedicated to keeping Colorado kids healthy by building awareness for vaccines, educating health care providers, and advocating for policies that protect children with the goal of increasing childhood vaccination rates. As Colorado's only statewide independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to children's immunization, CCIC elevates the essential role vaccines play in preventing illness and promoting health for all of Colorado.

HISTORY AND MISSION

CCIC was formed in 1991 in response to the fact that only around 50 percent of Colorado children were adequately immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases. CCIC was created as an initiative to convene medical experts and partners to implement a comprehensive plan to increase and sustain Colorado childhood immunization rates.

Our mission is to strategically mobilize diverse partners and families to advance children's health through immunizations.

\$26.6 MILLION 

There were **\$26.6 MILLION** in hospital charges for treating Colorado children for vaccine-preventable diseases. Actual costs of those not hospitalized but with office and/or emergency department visits and pharmacy costs, as well as missed work, are much higher.

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hospitalized with a
vaccine-preventable
disease in just
one year.

66.2 PERCENT

Immunization helps to protect our youngest and most vulnerable community members. **66.2 PERCENT** of Colorado children hospitalized with vaccine-preventable disease are four years of age or younger.

\$400 MILLION 

Vaccination prevented over 6,500 hospitalizations and averted nearly **\$400 MILLION** in hospitalization charges among Colorado children.

2.5 MILLION 

Worldwide, vaccines save **2.5 MILLION** children's lives each year.

20 PERCENT 

20 PERCENT of two-year-olds in Colorado are under- or unvaccinated against one or more vaccine-preventable diseases.



HOW WE'RE MAKING CHANGE

EDUCATING PROFESSIONALS

Each year, CCIC educates more than one thousand health care professionals, in-person and via webinar, through monthly immunization-related educational events on clinical guidelines, data, and emerging research.

BUILDING COALITIONS

CCIC's coalition building and engagement strategies leverage the collective voice of diverse children's health partners to ensure that CCIC leads the state in systems-level support, infrastructure, and resources for children's immunization.

ADVOCATING PUBLIC POLICY

CCIC's public policy agenda engages coalition members and policy makers to identify and advance solutions to challenges in Colorado's vaccine financing, access, and delivery system.

CREATING AWARENESS

CCIC's community outreach efforts, including the seven-time award-winning *ImmunizeforGood.com* and *VacunalosporSuBien.com* campaigns, build awareness among English and Spanish-speaking parents about the safety and importance of immunization. CCIC also shares vaccine information with health care providers, parents, the media, and organizations across the country via print resources, social media, the *TeamVaccine.com* blog, and more.

PROVIDING IMMUNIZATION SERVICES

CCIC believes that no child should miss out on the benefits of vaccination due to a parent's inability to pay. CCIC works with partners to host free and low-cost immunization for children and families facing financial or other barriers to care.

GET INVOLVED

Learn more and join our coalition by visiting childrensimmunization.org/getinvolved.

Connect with CCIC and join the conversation on social media:

