



2009 Legislative Priorities

1. Continue state funding for the successful Community Health Care Collaborative Grant program of \$4 million for the biennium.
2. Introduce legislation that amends statute to remove the sunset language for the Community Health Care Collaborative Grant program and supports the development of a public/private statewide entity to coordinate technical assistance and outcome measurement among regional community healthcare collaboratives.

In addition Communities Connect supports:

1. Maximize federal SCHIP funds (use the full federal allocation for outreach)
2. Maintain state funding for the following:
 - a. Medicaid eligibility at 300% FPL
 - b. Covering all Kids outreach and linkage to care at \$4.4 million for the biennium
 - c. Patient Navigator program
 - d. Health Insurance Partnership
3. Stabilize public health funding for core infrastructure
4. Fully fund
 - a. Children's Health Law (SB 5093)
 - b. Medical Home (HB 2549)
 - c. Emergency Department Diversion pilots (SB 5093)