



MIChild and Healthy Kids Health Insurance for Children

Michigan offers two health insurance programs, MIChild and Healthy Kids for children up to their 19th birthday who qualify. The cost is **\$10 per family** per month or no cost, depending on the child's eligibility. The comprehensive health insurance coverage includes:

- Ambulance
- Dental care
- Doctor visits and health check ups
- Family planning
- Hearing and speech therapy
- Hospital care
- Immunizations (shots)
- Laboratory / x-ray tests
- Medical supplies
- Medicine / Pharmacy
- Mental health services
- Physical therapy
- Prenatal care and support services
- Substance abuse services
- Surgery
- Vision care
- Well-child visits

MIChild/Healthy Kids applications are available at your school and through the Outreach Program, St. Clair County Health Department at (810) 987-5300. Families can also apply online at: www.healthcare4mi.com.

It's never too late for parents to get involved at school

When parents and schools work together, the results can be incredible, including better grades, attitudes and behavior.

In today's busy world, however, the idea of parent involvement can be overwhelming. "What do I have to do?" you may wonder. "I'm already short on time!" Don't worry. Involvement doesn't need to be complicated or time consuming. Even though the end of the school year is right around the corner, it isn't too late to get involved. Starting right now, you can:

Attend events. Put key gatherings on your calendar as soon as possible. Your child might sing in a school musical, for instance, or play on a school team.

While at school, make an effort to connect with staff and other families.

Read materials. Pay attention to school information sent home and posted online. Request it in another language if needed. Keep track of important dates, such as end-of-year celebrations and tests.

Join the parent-teacher group. If you can't make it to meetings, read the minutes from each meeting.

Volunteer. Classrooms have a variety of needs. Ask your child's teacher if there is anything you can do to help out. Perhaps you could prepare items for a craft, organize a class party, read to students or help in another way that fits your schedule.

Ask questions. "How can I help my child succeed?" "Should I correct homework mistakes with him?" "What are the most important school tasks for us to accomplish each day at home?"

Recently at Algonac Elementary



Ashlee Juengel and Deanna DeLange help spruce up the playground during the student council's spring clean-up.



During Family Reading night, first grader Alyssa Miracle made a retelling glove to help practice retelling stories at home.



Class jump rope winners participated in a challenge during a whole school assembly for Jump Rope for Heart.