



Technical Assistance Center

Links to Resources on Healthcare Reform

On March 23, 2010, President Obama signed *The Affordable Care Act* into law. This comprehensive healthcare reform law includes many provisions that will impact children, youth and their families. Many websites have been developed and updated with information designed to help families and healthcare consumers navigate these changes. The following are links to sites that provide extremely helpful guidance on the new healthcare reform law and implementation:

- The **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services** has developed a website dedicated to helping people better understand the new healthcare law. It includes a section titled *Families with Children* that provides resources on a variety of topics. Here is a link to that section of the website: <http://www.healthcare.gov/foryou/family/index.html>.
- The **Kaiser Family Foundation** has created a new section of their website titled *Explaining the Basics of Health Reform*. It includes multiple resources to help explain many of the complex provisions included in the law. Here is a link to that section of the website: <http://www.kff.org/healthreform/basics.cfm#explaininghealthcarereformseries>.
- The **Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law** has developed a health reform section of their website that helps to explain the comprehensive provisions of the law and includes links to other websites that also provide helpful analysis. Here is a link to the Bazelon site: <http://www.bazelon.org/Where-We-Stand/Access-to-Services/Health-Care-Reform/Final-Law-and-Implementation-.aspx>.
- The **National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare** has added a Policy Issues and Resource section to their website dedicated to the recently enacted healthcare reform law. This section of the website also includes access to archived Webinars on Healthcare Reform. Here is a link to the website: http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/healthcare_reform.
- Resources developed as part of a joint project of **The George Washington University's Hirsh Health Law and Policy Program** and **The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** have been posted to a website titled *Health Reform GPS ~ Navigating Implementation*. Here is the link to the website: <http://www.healthreformgps.org/>.
- **Families USA** has created a section of their website titled *Health Reform Central ~ The Road to Implementation* that includes a series of helpful resources. Here is a link to the website: <http://www.familiesusa.org/health-reform-central/>.

We hope that you find these resources helpful in your work with children, youth and families.