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**OVER 97 PERCENT OF NEW YORK'S KIDS HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE**

**Albany, NY** – Health Care for All New York (HCFANY), a statewide coalition of over 170 consumer advocacy organizations, celebrates new data showing that only 2.5 percent of kids in New York are without health insurance. The number of uninsured children in New York has decreased by 39 percent between 2013 and 2015.

This exciting milestone was reported in a new [study](#) by Georgetown University's Center for Children and Families. "This is good news at a time when we really need some good news," said Kate Breslin, President and CEO of the Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy New York has long been a leader in covering children, with the understanding that, when children have health coverage, they are more likely to get the care they need and have better health outcomes."

The Georgetown study examined American Community Survey data compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau. It estimated that the number of uninsured children in New York declined from 171,000 in 2013 to 104,000 in 2015. New York has one of the highest rates of health coverage for children in the United States, lagging behind only Vermont, Massachusetts, DC, and Hawaii. Naomi Post, Executive Director of Children's Defense Fund – New York, said that "The health insurance numbers show progress toward the goal of making affordable, high-quality health and mental health coverage available for every child. We are grateful for the policy choices made in New York that contributed to this achievement, including the highest income eligibility level for Medicaid and CHIP in the country and coverage to all children regardless of immigration status."

However, Ms. Breslin warned, "Our work is not done; we need to make sure that health insurance coverage is meaningful and that, as New York engages in payment and delivery system reform, we tailor approaches to the unique circumstances and needs of children." Health Care For All New York's Children, Youth, and Families Task Force, which is led by the Schuyler Center and the Children's Defense Fund – New York, will continue working to ensure that children's health needs are met in New York through continued progress on coverage and monitoring the affects health systems transformation is having on children's health.