

State Representative speaks out on family healthcare

Florida KidCare Coalition is discussed by State Representative Danny Burgess during roundtable held at the Center Ice

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Family planning packs a lot of essential responsibility in those two words. Those two widely used familiar words, when dreaming of a family, speak volumes. As you start thinking of planning and, getting ready, for a family most of us think of getting married, building a home and having a secure haven for our loved ones to feel safe and come home to. Also, of course, you start dreaming of a loving and delightful nursery to make ready for the arrival of the basket of joy that the stork may bring one day. You dream and, make additional plans, for the next generation of the family tree.

There is also a major facet to the planning of a family in helping to keep loved ones safe and well cared for. That facet is called healthcare, which falls into the category of health insurance. The Florida KidCare Coalition of Pasco County holds healthcare for children among the highest of importance when it comes to caring for its children.



Local business owners and employees gather for the Florida KidCare Coalition meeting to obtain information on the application process and benefits of the program.

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Above: Racheal Blaasch, community services specialist, welcomes everyone to the meeting and gives the agenda for the morning.

Right: Danny Burgess, State Representative, speaks out on the importance of healthcare for families and the importance of having good coverage for children.



Above: Guest speaker, Sarah Benley, military and business outreach coordinator, explains what the Florida KidCare Coalition can do for families with children.



"We are holding this event to bring immediate attention to the Florida KidCare Coalition and to make Florida KidCare enrollment a valuable option for employers and their employees," Rachel Blaasch, community services specialist, spoke with loyalty for the Florida KidCare program.

There are 17 Florida KidCare Coalitions in Florida. The Pasco County Florida KidCare Coalition is available to those in Pasco County.

Highlighted during the roundtable was the importance of healthcare coverage and making parents and business owners aware of its availability and all that it has to offer. During the program avenues were given for businesses and human resource departments, with the cooperation of employers, giving aid in applying for this coverage.

Being an active member of the community and giving great support to the community for healthcare services, State Representative Danny Burgess, gave heartfelt information for helping families in Pasco

County.

"Representative Danny Burgess represents his district well and is a great supporter of community healthcare," Blaasch chatted.

"One of the biggest misconceptions about Florida KidCare is that it is only available to low income families. This program is a great alternative to high cost employer plans, and often has superior coverage and benefits. I would encourage anyone regardless of their household income level, to explore this option before making a final decision on their family's health insurance provider," Rebecca Gaddis chatted with assurance. Gaddis is an employee of San Antonio Citizens Federal Credit Union.

Burgess spoke with urgency for the Florida KidCare Coalition. "Speaking as a husband and father

of two, and one on the way, this is a great program to make sure that children have good healthcare coverage and can be taken care of as they should be. Children are the most important things that are on the planet. As a father I have come to appreciate the various programs for affordable healthcare coverage."

The Florida KidCare program helps to maintain great quality healthcare insurance while keeping the cost affordable and allowing families to have health insurance for children from birth through the age of 18. There is no fee for applying to the program and it has a year round enrollment window.

Doctor visits, vision, hearing and dental care along with other services are included in the Florida KidCare insurance program. It also includes emergency visits.