



Community Grant Outcome Report

Name: HealthWatch Wisconsin

Grantee: ABC for Health, Inc.

Academic Partner: n/a

Program: Development

Grant Duration: 11/01/2005 to 10/31/2006 (12 months)

Expenditures: \$23,571.00 of \$23,571 (100% expended)

Use of Funds: Public advocacy and policy

► **Description:** Improve access to health care and coverage. Address health disparities faced by Wisconsin residents who lack access to health care due to inadequate health insurance coverage.

► **Results:** Working in partnership with the Covering Kids and Families (CKF) and the Covering Kids with Special Needs (CKSN) projects and seven local HealthWatch coalitions in Wisconsin, project staff worked to develop the mission, vision, and architecture for a statewide grassroots advocacy organization "HealthWatch Wisconsin" dedicated to improving access to health care and coverage for Wisconsin residents. Convened seven strategic planning sessions attended by a wide variety of stakeholders who discussed what they viewed as the biggest problems to accessing health care and coverage and their vision for a statewide grassroots organization that would work to improve these issues. Also developed a steering committee of partners representing different geographic areas and different areas of health care constituencies to provide guidance with the planning process. Developed a sustainability plan for HealthWatch Wisconsin and determined how education and training could best be integrated into HealthWatch Wisconsin.

► **Met Objectives:** Yes

► **Baseline Progress on SHP Objectives:** Not measured

► **Academic Partner Role:** Identified an academic partner during planning process; this individual assisted in the development of the Implementation grant proposal.

► **Matched Dollars (cash or in-kind):** \$2,433

► **Dissemination:** Results of the strategic planning session were made available on the HealthWatch Wisconsin website. Also shared the results of the planning process with many groups including the Children's Oral Health Coalition of Wisconsin and at the Covering Kids and Families Wisconsin statewide meeting.

► **Sustained:** Awarded a 2006 Implementation Grant from the Wisconsin Partnership Program for \$477,700. This grant will support the implementation of the organization statewide, with the goal that HealthWatch Wisconsin will eventually become a self-sustaining organization supported by membership fees of individuals and groups.