

Toledo-Lucas County Care Net

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Location: Lucas County, Ohio

Launched January 15, Toledo-Lucas County CareNet works with the local Covering Kids and Families coalition to identify and enroll eligible children and families in Medicaid, providing critical health care coverage for area low-income residents. In many instances, parents of children who are eligible for Medicaid often are not eligible themselves – enter the Toledo-Lucas County CareNet. CareNet provides coordinated primary care and hospital services on a sliding fee scale as well as a volunteer specialty care network for eligible Lucas County residents with incomes of up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Since January, CareNet workers at 16 clinics have identified and assisted 75 residents who are eligible for Medicaid. In June, CareNet surpassed 1,000 members. One of the newest members is an in-home day care provider who did not qualify for either federal or state assistance, but through CareNet, is receiving health care coverage, as well as the medication and medical services needed to control her diabetes. In addition to its daily outreach activities, CareNet also took part in Cover the Uninsured Week, and sponsored enrollment activities and events around the area, including a health fair.

“CareNet is definitely making Toledo and Lucas County a healthier, better place to live,” said Toledo Mayor Jack Ford. “This program demonstrates the positive power of effective collaboration. Many people are seeing doctors for the first time in three or four years – visits they didn’t make before because they did not have health insurance and simply neglected getting care.”

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