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Dr. Andrews,

We are Trinity College students enrolled in Professor Dina Anselmi's child development class, and have been assigned a public policy project. Our focus has been on providing health insurance for children. According to the American Medical Student Association, nearly 10 million children below the age of 19 are not insured. In researching this issue, we have found that children living in poverty are often lacking in health insurance. There is research that shows that a lack of health insurance for a child has a number of negative effects including, but not limited to, difficulty in school and increased contraction of preventable disease. We have created an online map depicting Hartford healthcare providers as well as a pamphlet that shows a portion of the map, methods to locate the map, and information about HUSKY health insurance. We are sending you this information because you are a leader in the health care community. We are hoping that you will distribute the enclosed map and information to those who it might benefit.

A study by the Universal Healthcare Foundation of Connecticut (UHFC) states that 64,000 children in Connecticut are without health insurance. This under coverage costs the state 1.164 billion dollars, according to the Connecticut Center for Economic Analysis, due to the contraction of preventable disease by those without healthcare coverage. This same UHFC study found that lack of health care was linked to severity of illness, increased costs of healthcare and lower educational attainment for children.

We have been in communication with members of the Hartford community as well as those working for increased healthcare coverage on a national level. In a recent paper titled "No Shelter from the Storm: America's Uninsured Children", Jenny Sullivan of FamiliesUSA noted that 70.8 percent come from low-income families. In addition, Ms. Sullivan notes that a large problem in many areas is that oftentimes, families do not know that their child is covered by a certain program, whether it is federal, state, or private. Moreover, many families are unable to locate or reach specific providers of health care including pediatricians, dentists, or emergency rooms.

After investigating the problem and conferring with knowledgeable local and national resources, we developed an online map that lays out the locations of health care providers for children, along with public transportation methods by which these places can be reached. This website also links to a number of related websites including HUSKY (www.huskyhealth.com). We have also included our pamphlet, which depicts a

portion of the online map, the types of providers listed on the website, information about HUSKY insurance, and locations in Hartford that provide free internet access. It is our hope that you will distribute the pamphlet to those it might benefit, who could then use the information provided to access the online map and website (<http://www.trincoll.edu/~anselmi/ChildDevelopment/husky.htm>.) Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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HUSKY

- The HUSKY Plan is designed to help all children who don't have health insurance. It includes services under the traditional Medicaid program (now known as HUSKY Part A). It also provides brand new health services for children in higher-income families (called HUSKY Part B).
- For more information about specific benefit packages and how to apply, visit www.huskyhealth.com



Where Can I Go For More Information?

- Complete map, including locations, phone numbers, addresses, and useful websites, is located at :

<http://www.trincoll.edu/~anselmi/ChildDevelopment/husky.htm>

- Hartford locations that provide free internet access are listed below:

State Library 231 Capitol Ave

Hartford Public Library 500 Main St

Genesis Internet Café 387 Capitol Ave Ste 1

Trinfo Café 1300 Broad Street

Do *Your* Children Have Health Insurance?

Information about HUSKY Health Insurance Plans and Medical Resources in the Hartford Area

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HUSKY Health Care Providers in the Hartford Area

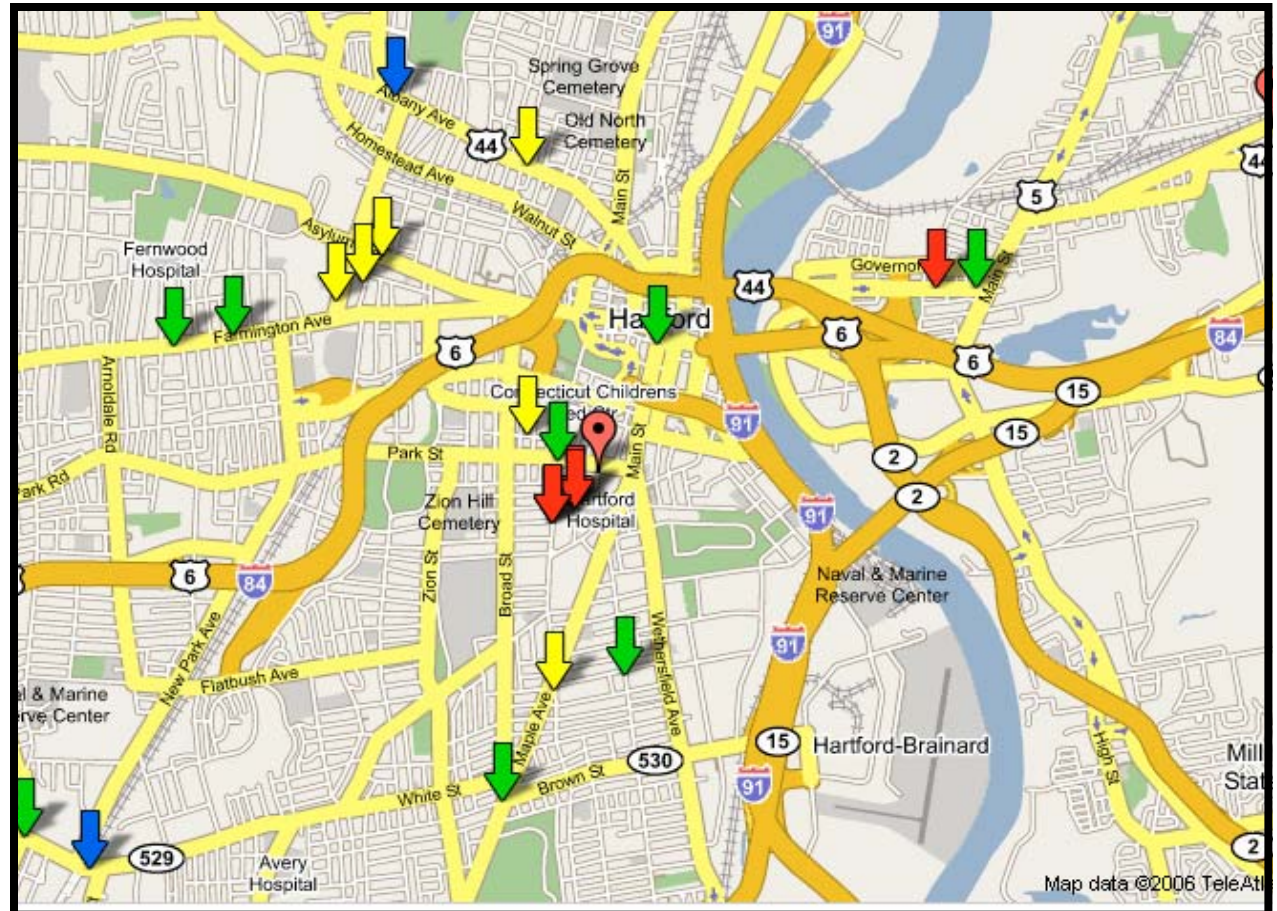
*Get your children off
to the right start!*

With HUSKY, you can help them to get the medical care they need, regardless of your family's income! Annual check-ups, regular dental appointments and access to pediatric specialists are the best way to keep your child healthy and happy!

A map, which details various pediatric medical resources in the Hartford area who accept HUSKY insurance plans is available to you online.

Resources include:

- General Pediatric Care (yellow)
- Pediatric Specialists (red)
- Planned Parenthood Clinics (blue)
- Pharmacies (green)



A complete map displaying all locations and details including phone numbers, addresses, insurance plans accepted, and transportation information is available at:

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