

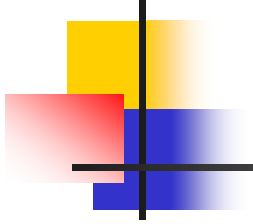
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Addressing Access to Care in the Context of Children's Coverage Initiatives: The Louisiana Experience



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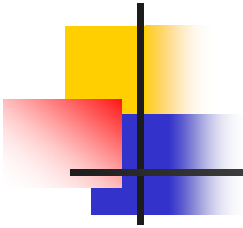
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Overview of Louisiana School-Based Health Centers

Adolescent School Health Initiative

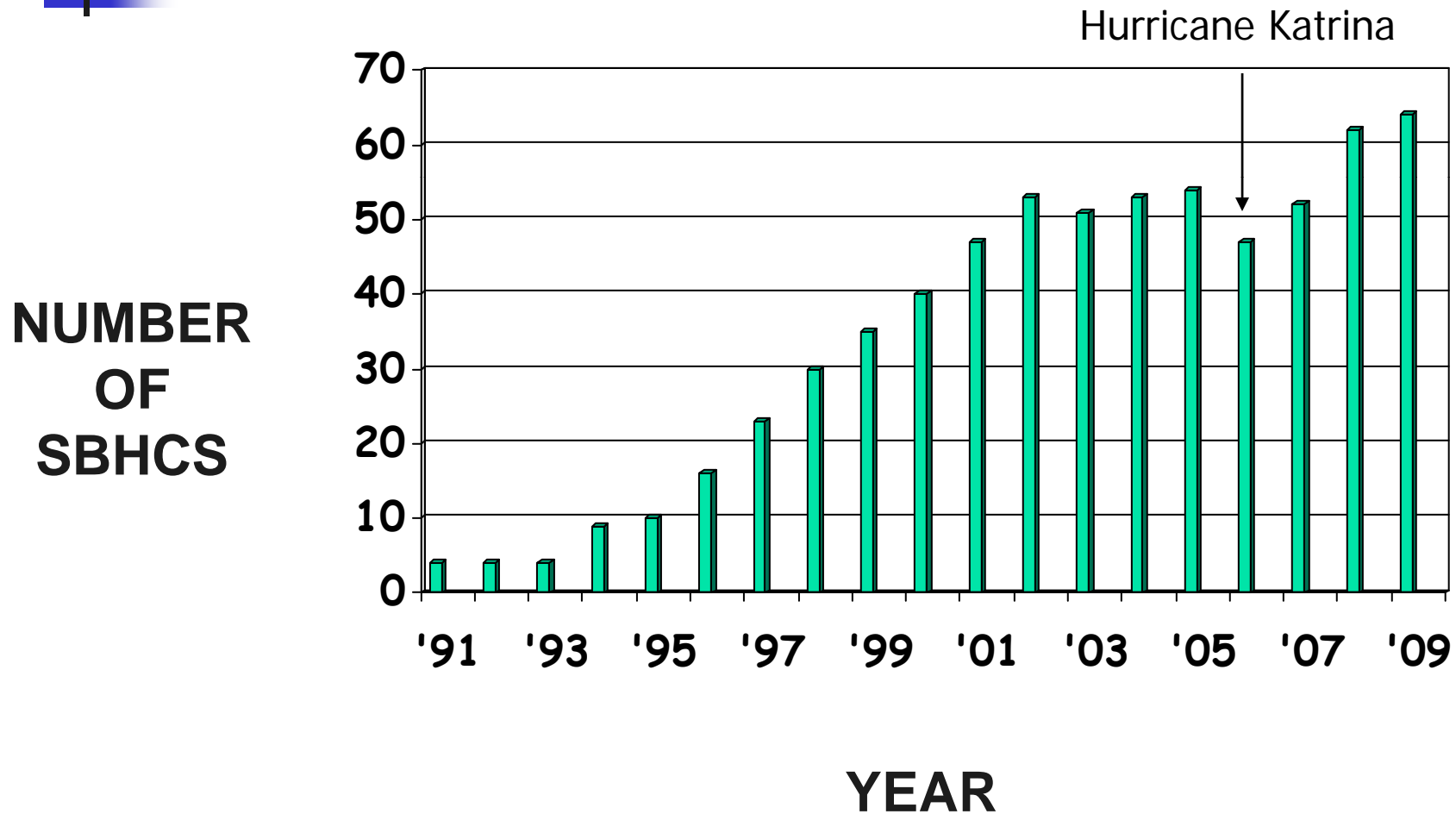
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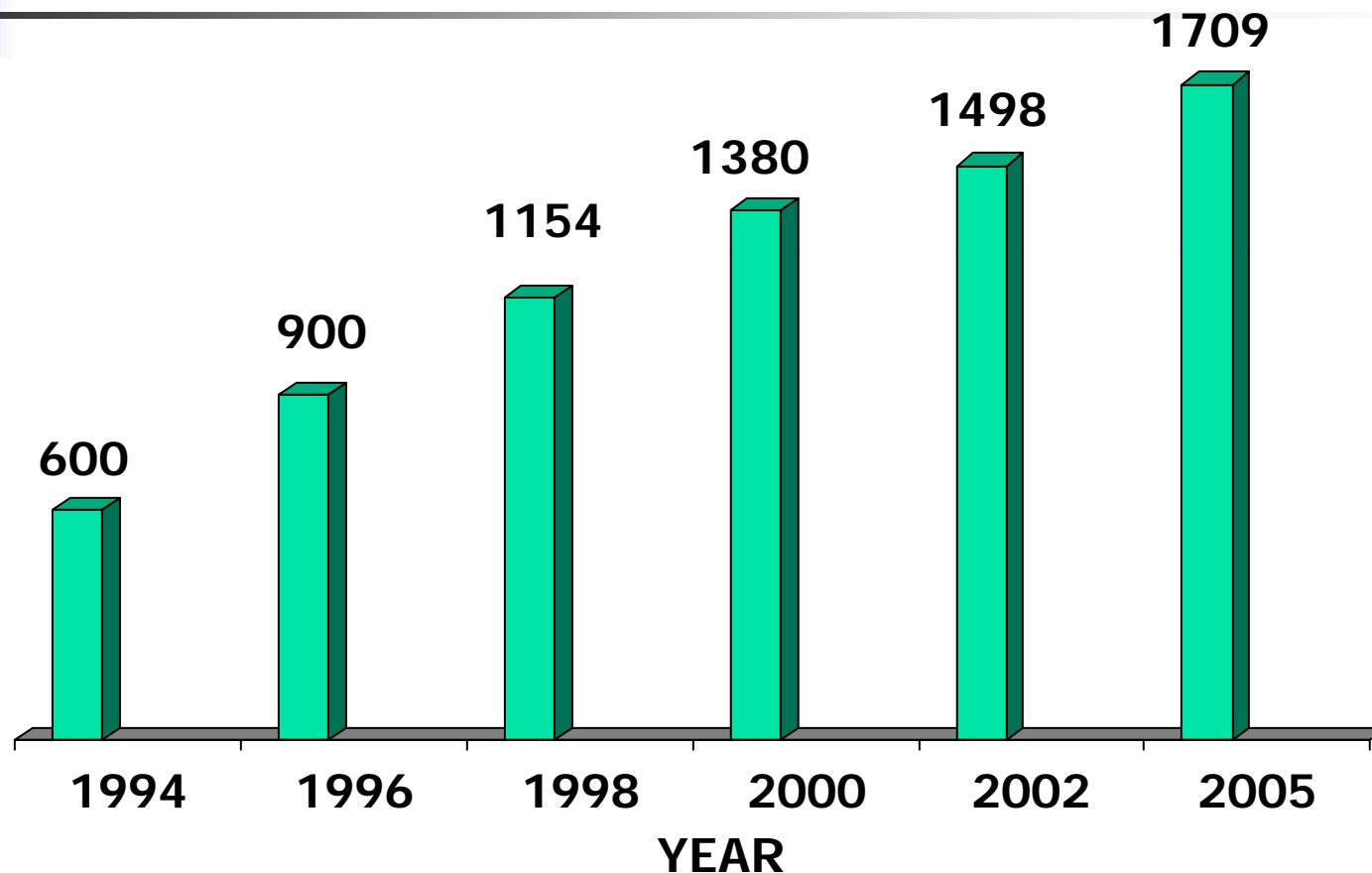
- **Passage in 1991**
- **OPH to facilitate establishment of SBHCs in Public Schools**
 - **Funding**
 - **Policy Development/Standards**
 - **Monitoring & Quality Assurance**
 - **Technical Assistance**

Signed parental consent required to be seen in the SBHC.

Number of OPH-Funded SBHCs in Louisiana by Year



SBHCs Nationwide, Selected Years



Source: Lear, JG. Center for Health and Health Care in Schools: 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002. National Assembly on School-Based Health Care: 2005.



OPH/ASHI Budget (2008 - 2009)

• Stat. Dedication (LA Fund)	\$ 7,196,072
• State General Fund	\$ 3,349,220
• MCH Block Grant	<u>\$ 480,000</u>
TOTAL	\$11,025,292

Minimum 20% Local Match Required

SBHC Staff

Staff include:

- Medical Director (Physician)
- Administrator
- Primary Care Provider (MD &/or NP)
- Registered Nurse
- Master Level Mental Health Professional
- Data Manager/Receptionist



Staff at Chalmette High SBHC

SBHC Services

- Sports physicals, comprehensive exams w/ risk assessments
- Immunizations
- Health screenings
- Acute care for minor illnesses and injuries
- Management of chronic diseases, i.e., asthma
- Mental health services
- Referral to specialty care
- LaCHIP enrollment
- Dental services (not all sites)



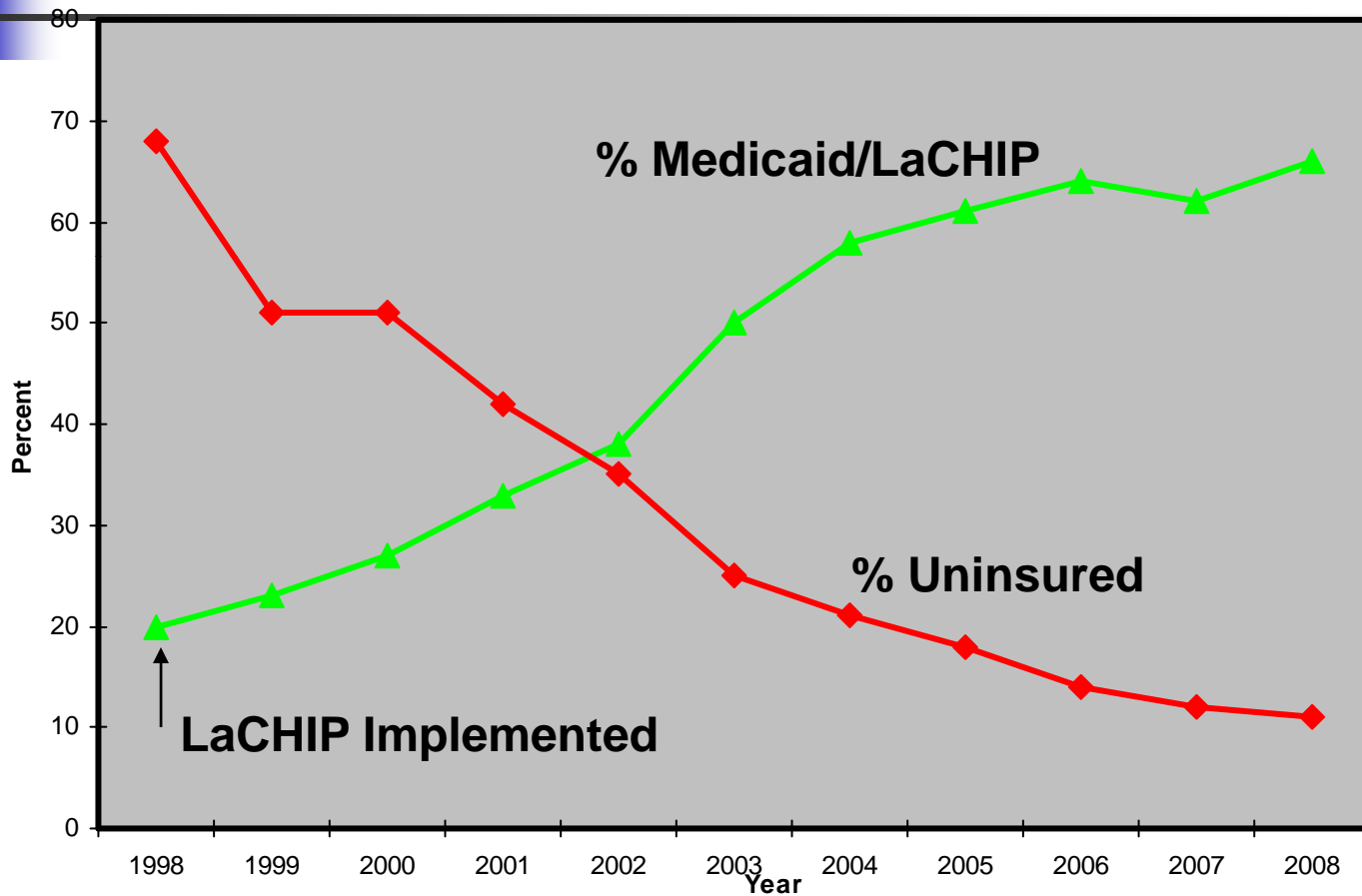




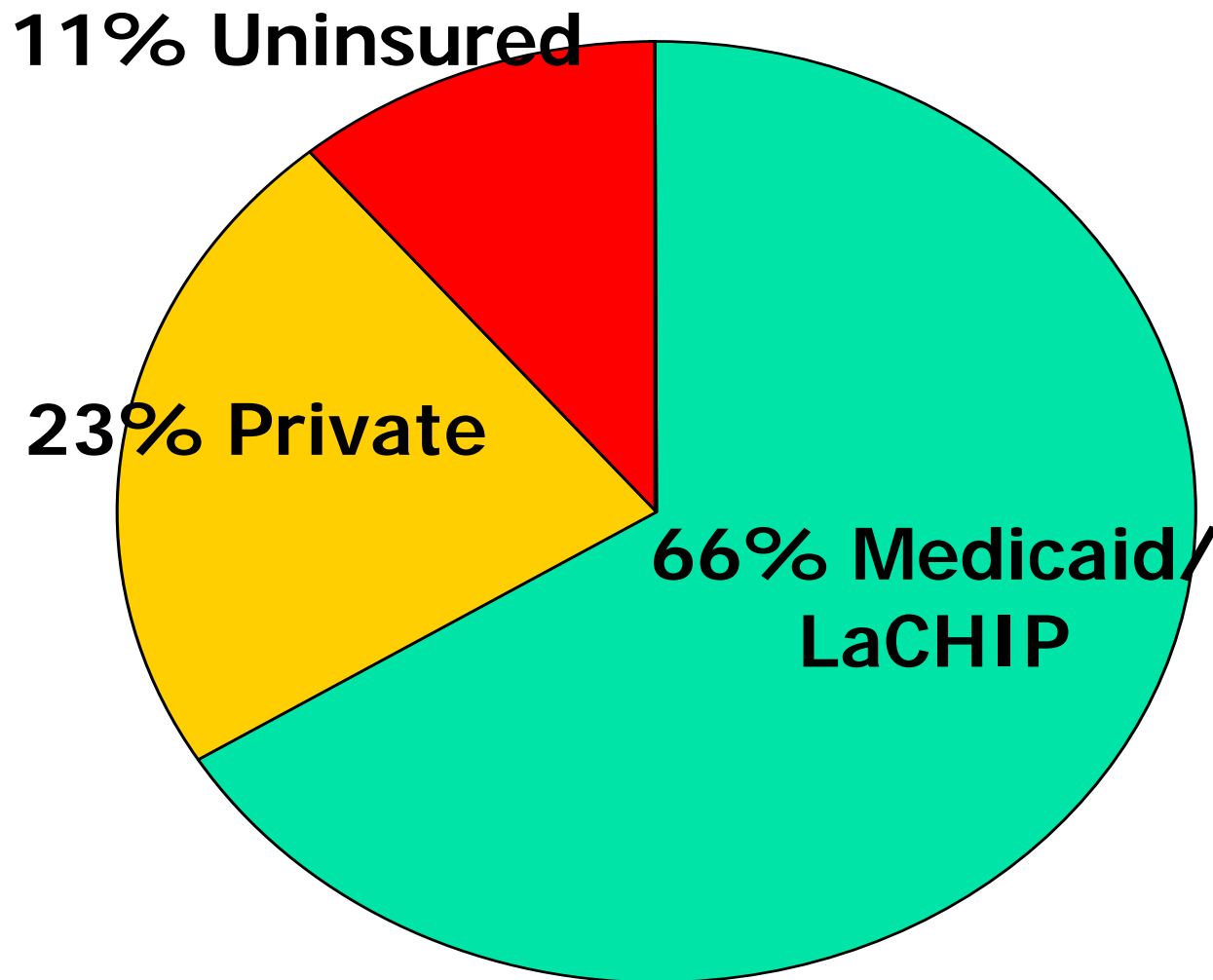
Louisiana SBHCs

- 70 SBHCs statewide, 63 OPH-funded
- Post-Katrina, Kellogg funded the rebuilding/expansion of SBHCs in the greater New Orleans area
- 63,411 or 9.2% of public school students now have access to a SBHC
- In 2007-2008, 141,932 Visits Made to SBHCs
- Goal: At least 1 in Every Parish (26 of 64 parishes currently)

Insurance Status By Year in LA SBHCs



Insurance Status by Visit to LA SBHCs – 2007-08





Strategies to Enroll Students into Medicaid/LaCHIP

- **SBHCs as LaCHIP Application Centers**
 - Required in OPH Contract
 - Customized Trainings on Becoming Application Center Provided by Medicaid
 - SBHCs Reimbursed Per Successful Application
 - Regional Medicaid Staff Partner with SBHCs to Conduct Outreach



Strategies to Enroll Students into Medicaid/LaCHIP

- **Insurance Status as Performance Measure**
 - Medicaid/LaCHIP Enrollment is Incorporated in Quality Assurance Monitoring Tool
 - Improvement in Uninsured Rates from Beginning to End of School Year is Assessed for All SBHCs



Strategies to Enroll Students into Medicaid/LaCHIP

- **Standardized School Health Forms**
 - Act 685 (2004) – Standardized School Health Forms Developed for Use in All Public Schools
 - Form includes question and checkbox: “if your child does not have health insurance, would you like information on no cost health insurance?”



Other Collaborative Efforts between Medicaid & OPH

- LA Medicaid Recognized SBHCs as a Medicaid Provider Type in 2002
- LA Medicaid Working on Program to Reimburse SBHCs for Mental Health Services