

# Florida Community Health Action Information Network, Inc.

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**CEO/Executive Director:** Mark Pafford

**CEO Experience** Before coming to Florida CHAIN, Mark Pafford was the CEO of the Arthur R. Marshall Foundation for the Everglades. He also serves as the House Minority Leader for the Florida Legislature where he has held office for eight years. Mr. Pafford worked at The Lord's Place as their Business Development Coordinator and at the Area Agency on Aging of Palm Beach Treasure Coast as their Director of Planning and Policy.



**Board Chair:** Christine Fisher

**Company Affiliation:** Creative Political Foundations

**Mission Statement:** Florida CHAIN (Community Health Action Information Network) is a statewide consumer health advocacy organization dedicated to improving the health of all Floridians by promoting access to affordable(...See Profile for more information)

**Impact Statement:** 1. Florida CHAIN is keeping Florida first in the Nation for enrollment. Together with the USF Navigator Consortium, and its partners, we implemented an effective ground operation that reached consumers in dire need of affordable, quality health coverage. More than 1.6 million Floridians signed up for 2016 health insurance plans, topping Texas enrollment numbers.

2. This year (2016), the bill to expand Florida KidCare coverage to lawfully-residing immigrant children was approved through its inclusion in the Medicaid conforming bill (House Bill 5101). The measure is estimated to cover an additional 17,000 children and will draw down nearly 29 million dollars from the federal government to help cover their care.

3. Last fall, Florida CHAIN made comprehensive recommendations to policy makers to protect consumers from surprise medical bills. The Legislature passed a comprehensive bill that protects Florida's consumers from unfair surprise medical bills. This first-in-the-nation type of solution holds consumers harmless in any circumstance where they must go out-of-network through no choice of their own.

4. While we were able to pass legislation that will result in a more inclusive KidCare program, and one to protect Floridians from surprise medical bills, lawmakers continue to reject a Medicaid expansion legislation that would provide health care access to nearly 600,000 people. House Bill 629, filed by Representative Mia Jones (D-Jacksonville), would have raised the eligibility limit for our state Medicaid program up to 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level and drawn down over 5.9 billion dollars in federal funds in 2016 alone. Instead, the bill was not heard. Despite going another session without closing the coverage gap, our campaign is growing strong as we focus on building local support in strategic locations such as Miami, Orlando and the Tampa Bay area.

**Full-time Staff:** 5

**Volunteers:** 0

(excludes part-time staff)

## Programs

Covering Florida

Close the Gap

KidsWell Florida

## Financials

Projected Revenue: \$600,000.00

Projected Expenses: \$1,200,000.00

Fiscal Year	2014	2013	2012
Total Revenue	\$1,833,201	\$780,778	\$423,014
Total Expenses	\$993,915	\$753,696	\$673,222

**Top Three Funding Sources**

Fiscal Year	2014	2013	2012
Top Funding Source & Dollar Amount	Foundations, Corporations and Individuals \$1,703,604	--	--
Second Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	Government \$129,447	--	--
Third Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--

IRS Ruling Year 2008