



Children's Health Initiative Success Story



Joshua Daniels Sacramento County



Pictured (left to right): Joshua Daniels,
Cover the Kids Director Bonnie Ferreira and Eileen Boyd

Being a teenager isn't easy. Joshua Daniels, 18, understands this more than anyone, having faced more ups and downs in his young life than adults twice his age. Three years ago, Joshua moved in with his grandma, Eileen Boyd, after his mother left home. Soon after, Joshua's father committed suicide, leaving his grandma as his sole guardian. Eileen and Joshua settled into life as a family of two, but not without struggle. Joshua did not have health insurance, and when he had to undergo foot surgery, Eileen paid out of pocket for his treatment.

Joshua's teacher recognized the predicament that he and his grandma were in, and encouraged Eileen to contact Cover the Kids (CTK) to see if Joshua qualified for health insurance. CTK helped

Eileen complete an application for Joshua, and soon after, he was successfully enrolled in Medi-Cal, giving him comprehensive health coverage.

Joshua now gets the medical attention he needs in a timely manner and is missing fewer school days due to illnesses. His improved attendance has helped Joshua to maintain better focus in classes and his grades have improved. Joshua is on a healthy track now and he is grateful for his grandma and CTK.