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BCAC gets \$50,000 to help with health care education

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The Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition has announced that the Norma F. Pfriem Foundation has granted the organization \$50,000 to support its efforts to improve the lives of the Greater Bridgeport area's children and families, particularly those living in poverty.

The funds will support BCAC's community health care education and outreach campaign, as well as its efforts to reach low-income families and assist them with the application process for health care insurance and other state assistance programs. BCAC is one of the many organizations in the state that has in-person assisters trained to help people use Access Health CT, the state's health insurance exchange. The exchanges are a cornerstone of the federal Affordable Care Act, which aims to provide health coverage to millions of uninsured. More than 1,000 Connecticut residents have already signed up for insurance through the exchange.

In the coming year, BCAC will expand its efforts to: raise awareness of the current implementation of Access Health CT; reach out to the community about the availability of state assistance programs; and identify ways in which the system can be improved. The outcome will be to help low-income families achieve better health and financial stability by helping them access state assistance programs, including health care through the new state exchange, HUSKY health care, SNAP, Care4Kids, welfare benefits, and energy assistance.

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