

South home to almost half of children in nation without health care, study says

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ATLANTA — The South is home to 5.1 million children who have no private or public health coverage, meaning they can't afford even basic care, according to a study released Wednesday. The Southern Institute on Children and Families reported that 46 percent of the nation's 11.2 million uninsured children live in the South, even though the region has

only 37 percent of all U.S. children. Thousands of these children could get federal health care dollars if it weren't for red tape, the institute said. "It is a failure of society when any child is denied health care because of an inability to pay," said former South Carolina Gov. Richard W. Riley, chairman of the public policy organization. "It has become really commonplace for families with children to seek pri-

mary health care at the door of a hospital emergency room. "Even more disturbing are children who do without, allowing minor health problems to turn into major ones." States should immediately assess how many of these children are eligible for Medicaid and "establish aggressive outreach programs to enroll them," said Sarah Shuptrine, president of the Columbia, S.C.-based institute. Also, President-elect Clinton

and Congress must make good on campaign promises to find a way to deliver quality health care to all Americans, said Russ Toal, commissioner of Georgia's Department of Medical Assistance. The non-profit institute, formed last year to study problems facing children, released the report during a meeting in Atlanta. It surveyed 17 Southern states and the District of Columbia to come up with the region's first look at uninsured children.

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What's Up

THURSDAY

TEXAS A&M VS. UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON: Bus trip to Houston for \$6.00 for those students interested in attending the game. The bus will leave Olsen Field at 4 p.m. on Thursday, and return immediately following the game. Tickets may be purchased at the PTTS Office in 117 Student Services Building until 1 p.m. today. The buses will return to Olsen Field and to the residence halls following the game.

AGGIELAND: Sophomore pictures will be taken for the AggieLand Nov. 4-Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at AR Photography, located at 707 Texas Ave. next to Taco Cabana.

TEXAS A&M LACROSSE TEAM: Practice Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Polo Fields. Everyone welcome, no experience necessary. Come be a part of the State Championship tradition. For information call Tom Weaber at 764-7974.

CLASS OF '94 COUNCIL: Elephant Walk T-shirts, sweatshirts and pins for the Class of '94 will be on sale in the MSC from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Nov. 21.

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ADULTS: Volleyball at 7 p.m. in Copperfield Park in Bryan. Rain location is at St. Joseph's gym in Bryan. For more information call Royce at 776-1693.

TAMU POLO CLUB: The Texas A&M Polo Club will host Oklahoma University this weekend. Women's teams will compete Friday at 7 p.m. The Men's team will compete Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Both matches will be at Freeman Arena. For more information call Bradley at 764-7360.

PRE-LAW SOCIETY: Social at 7 p.m. at Little Caesar's on Briarcrest. All members welcome. For more information call Lisa at 822-3652.

AGGIE ANTHROPOLOGISTS: Field trip to Brazos Valley Museum to see "Beasts on the Brazos" at 6:15 p.m. behind the Anthropology Building. Dr. Gentry Steele will give a personal tour of the exhibit. Bring \$2.50 for admission. For more information call Steve at 823-4448.

SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS: Guest speaker at 6:30 p.m. in 104 B Zachry. Also, bring your resume for the resume file.

INSTITUTE FOR THE HEALING OF RACISM: Informal gathering to openly share feelings on the issue of racism at 7:30 p.m. at Lincoln Center off of Holleman. For more information call Peyam at 260-1945.

BAHAI CLUB: Introduction to the Bahai Faith at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder. Panel discussion.

SLAVIC ASSOCIATION: Meeting at 7 p.m. in 104D Zachry. Dr. Jelena Djuric will lecture about pan-slavic movement. For more information call Peter at 693-5977.

AICHE: Social hour at 5:30 p.m. Place to be announced. For more information call Jennifer at 847-6061 or John at 696-2644.

SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.: Founder's Day Ceremony at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder. All are invited to attend. For more information call Glenda at 847-0055.

MSA: Free movie screening "The Book of Signs" at 8 p.m. in 102 Blocker. Everyone invited. Refreshments served. For more information call Agus at 846-4786.

A&M CYCLING TEAM: End of season meeting, dinner, and spring preview at 6 p.m. at 2500 Faulkner.

A map to meeting may be found in the cycling box in 159 Read. For more information call Wes at 847-3105.

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION: Meeting discussing the forms of American Indian music at 8:30 p.m. in 407 Rudder. For more information call Ray at 696-9348.

THE AGGIE PLAYERS: Christopher Hampton's *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* at 8 p.m. in Rudder Forum Nov. 12 through Nov. 14 and Nov. 18 through Nov. 21. Tickets are \$5.00 for students and \$7.00 for the general public. For more information call the Theatre Arts Box Office at 862-2052 or come by 146 Blocker.

AGGIE R.E.A.C.H.: Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in A.P. Beutel Health Center.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 013 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service which lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

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