



2010 Advocacy Agenda

- ✓ **ATV Safety:** Make the riding of ATVs (all terrain vehicles) as safe as possible for children by urging passage of Chandler's Law – legislation that would require basic safety equipment, appropriately sized ATVs, and the completion of a rider safety education course.
- ✓ **Cigarette Tax:** Dedicate the proceeds from the proposed increase in South Carolina's cigarette tax to a healthcare trust fund for Medicaid, SCHIP, and other vital healthcare programs.
- ✓ **Child Abuse:** Preserve funding for the South Carolina Child Abuse Medical Response System – the statewide program to address the medical needs of children who are suspected or confirmed victims of child abuse or neglect.
- ✓ **Medicaid:** Preserve funding for Medicaid and SCHIP, including programs that serve children with special needs.
- ✓ **SCHIP:** Given the low cost of insuring children through SCHIP - \$360 per child per year - expand coverage to uninsured children up to 300% of the federal poverty level. With a 4:1 match, the investment in SCHIP will provide health insurance to an estimated 41,000 children and generate tens of millions in federal matching dollars.