

Border Health

El Paso/Juarez faces critical health challenges that impact all facets of life, including economic development, job opportunity, and quality of life. El Paso is the nation's least insured large city. Moreover, 167,000 Texas kids have lost coverage under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and vast numbers of Texans have lost their Medicaid coverage. Our agenda:

- \$ Restore CHIP and Medicaid programs to the levels immediately preceding the 78th Regular Legislative Session when funding for these programs was cut.
- \$ Pass the Texas Healthy School Kids Act to improve physical education, nutrition, and health care, and lower long term chronic care costs in our community
- \$ Increase health insurance coverage and evaluate existing program resources to ensure that they are maximized and coordinated
- Address the problems plaguing the Children's Protective Services and Adult Protective Services systems by providing the Department of Family and Protective Services with adequate resources and legislation to protect vulnerable children and adults in our state