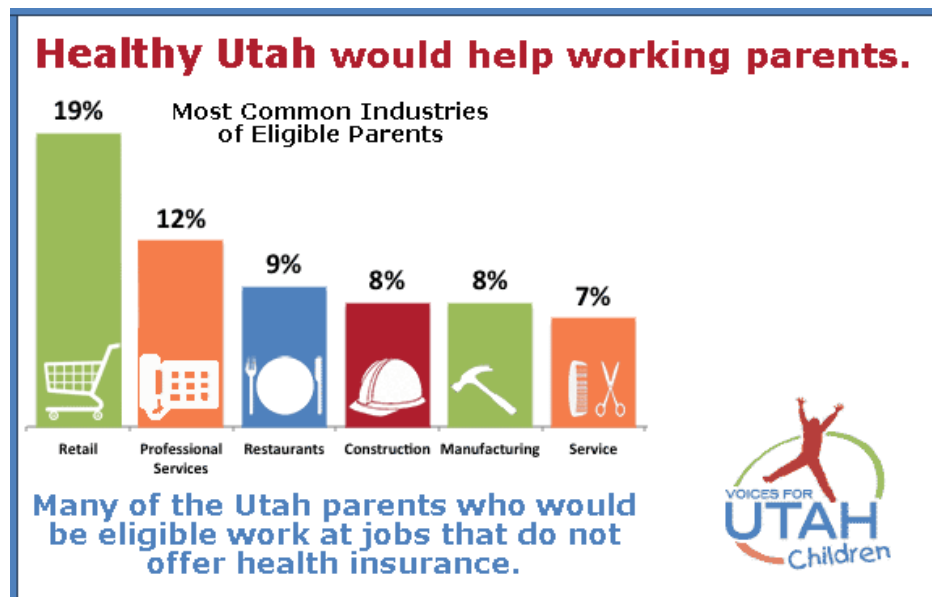


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A joint report by the Georgetown Center for Children and Families and Voices for Utah Children finds that:

1. In Utah, uninsured parents account for over one third of the population potentially eligible for health coverage if the state expands Medicaid. If Utah does not move forward with Medicaid expansion, or an alternative proposal like Governor Gary Herbert's Healthy Utah Plan, a significant coverage gap for parents living with dependent children will remain uninsured
2. Of low-income, uninsured parents, working parents who are 26 to 49 years old and have school-aged children (6 to 17 years old) are most likely to be helped by Medicaid expansion in Utah. Of those parents that could benefit from extended Medicaid eligibility, more than two-thirds (68 percent) are employed.
3. Covering parents in Utah offers the state an opportunity to help its children by reducing their uninsured rate, enhancing a family's financial security, and improving the health of parents. Utah ranks 43rd in the U.S. for percent of uninsured children; consequently there is significant room for improvement.

The complete report is available here:

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