

# Child Health and Health Care Disparities in HUSKY A: 2003

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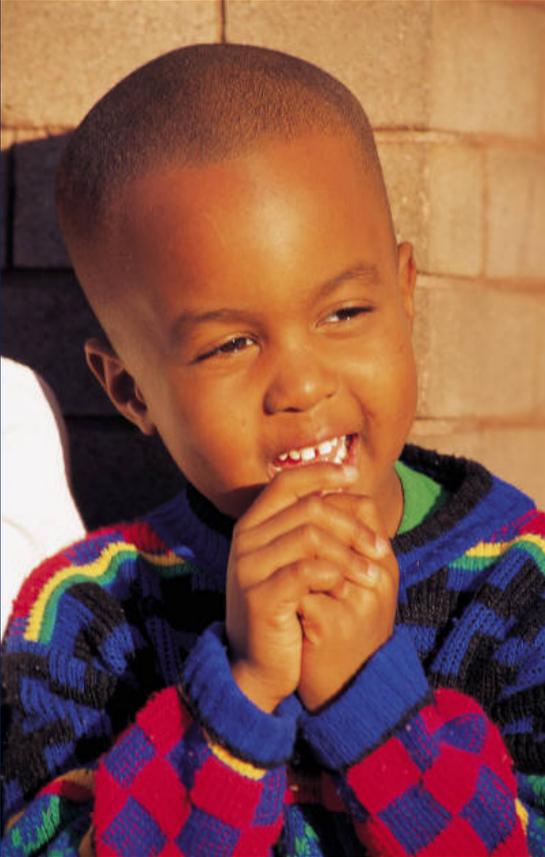
# Methods

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- **Identified children under 21 who were continuously enrolled in 2003**
- **Searched encounter records for:**
  - preventive care
  - emergency care and hospitalization
  - asthma and asthma care
- **Calculated likelihood that African American and Hispanic children had care, taking into account differences in age, gender, residence, primary language, and MCO**

# Preventive Care

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**African American children were *less likely* than White children to have had:**

- **Well-child care**
- **Other primary care**
- **Preventive dental care**

# Preventive Care

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Hispanic children were  
*more likely than White*  
children to have had:

- Preventive dental care





# Emergency Care and Hospitalization

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African American children were *equally likely* as White children to have had emergency care or to have been hospitalized

Hispanic children were *more likely* than White children to have had emergency care or to have been hospitalized

# Asthma and Asthma Care

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- **African American and Hispanic children were *more likely* to have asthma and...**

***... more likely to have had an emergency visit for asthma***

# Conclusion

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- **Child health and health care disparities in HUSKY A point toward problems with:**
  - **Access to primary care**
  - **Access to care for asthma**

# **For more information:**

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