

## **As You See it: Sept. 9, 2009**

Local legislators put children first

Thank you to the California Legislature, in particular to senators Maldonado and Simitian and Assembly members Caballero and Monning, for approving legislation that saves the Healthy Families program. Healthy Families covers more than 6,500 children here in Santa Cruz County and 1 million across the state, ensuring access to critically needed health care. Such bipartisan problem-solving is the key to maintaining a healthy, viable California. On behalf of local health care providers, charitable organizations, children's advocates and community leaders, thank you for putting children first.

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