

A photograph of a family of four, including a man, a woman, and two children, gathered around a book. They are outdoors, with green foliage in the background. The man is in the center, looking down at the book. The woman is on the right, also looking at the book. A young child is in the foreground, looking at the book. Another child is on the left, partially visible. The overall mood is focused and educational.

**People with Sickle
Cell have a 30-year
reduced life
expectancy**

Families Can't Afford to Wait – CDC Can't Afford to Help

Sickle Cell Disease isn't going away...

REAL

People with SCD die **30 years sooner** and it doesn't have to be that way.

RIGHT NOW

Medicaid and Medicare paid for **79% of the \$488 million** in SCD hospitalization costs.

RISKY

Over **3 million Americans** have the SCD trait and about **2,000 American infants** are born with SCD each year.

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...but our ability to fight it is

Consequences of CDC's budget cuts

- ✗ Terminated all follow-up efforts from the Registry and Surveillance System for Hemoglobinopathies, a \$20 million investment.
- ✗ Eliminated work with Association of Public Health Laboratories to improve accurate sickle cell and thalassemia identification.
- ✗ Ended efforts to develop a model public health program for SCD.

**No one should die in their prime.
Enable CDC to support patients and families
by investing in a public health approach to
addressing SCD.**