



SUCCESS STORIES

Mississippi Kids Count Success Stories portray the results of individuals and communities working toward improving the lives of children and families across the state.

2008

The Forrest County Safe Babies Court Team - Forrest County

www.zerotothree.org

The Forrest County Court for Maltreated Infants and Toddlers brings together the resources of the community to address the needs of infants and toddlers whose families appear in the Forrest County Youth Court.

Quitman County Development Organization - Quitman County

www.qcdo.org

The QCDO, founded by Reverend Carl Brown and Robert L. Jackson, provides fundamental building blocks needed to establish a vibrant community in which children and other residents can thrive.

Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Kids, Inc. - Lee and Chickasaw Counties

www.catchkids.org

CATCH Kids, Inc. builds bridges for children without access to the health care system by bringing high-quality, free health care services to children in that region who need it.

The Jonestown Family Center - Coahoma County

www.jonestownfamilycenter.com

The Jonestown Family Center for Education and Wellness creates a nurturing environment for children's development that enhances brain architecture and strengthens family and community bonds.

2009

Oral Health Program – Statewide

www.msdh.gov

The goals of the **MSDH's Oral Health Program** include increasing the proportion of Mississippi's citizens who use properly fluoridated water and promoting good oral hygiene practices among children.

Mississippi Youth Programs Around the Clock (MYPAC) - Central Mississippi

www.medicaid.ms.gov

MYPAC provides uniquely structured services for children and youth who qualify for Medicaid and have been diagnosed with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED).

The Pascagoula School District - Jackson County

www.psd.ms

The Early Beginnings Teen Parent Program encourages teen mothers to stay in school by offering them a support system and helpful information about parenting.

The Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi - DeSoto, Tate, and Marshall Counties

www.cfnm.org

The **"Get a Life! My Life, My Health, My Choice" Initiative** aims to end obesity in the region by improving access to nutritious foods and increasing opportunities for more physical activities for children.

2010/2011

SPARK MS - Children's Defense Fund - Statewide

www.cdf-sro.org

Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids (SPARK) MS brings together communities and stakeholders to look at existing strengths and resources to work together to maximize those strengths and leverage additional resources.

Between the Lions Preschool Literacy Initiative - Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties

www.betweenhelionsliteracy.org

The **Between the Lions Preschool Literacy Initiative** strives to bring a centers-based curriculum providing early word recognition and comprehension activities for three and four-year-olds in child care centers across the state.

New Albany School District - Union County

www.newalbanyschools.us

The **Coordinated School Health Program** promotes healthy lifestyles for students, staff and faculty after the passage of the MS Healthy Students Act of 2007.

United Way of the Capital Area - Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties

www.myunitedway.com

Jackson's Promise Coalition actively advocates for high school graduation and the importance it serves in one's future path to success.

2012

MSDH Gulf Coast Child Safety Coalition - Harrison, Hancock, Jackson, Pearl River, and Stone Counties

www.msdh.state.ms.us

The **Mississippi Gulf Coast Child Safety Coalition** is composed of 25 Child Passenger Safety Technicians in a five-county area and their employers who support them in the effort to educate and inform the public of child restraint usage.

MSDH Fire Academy for Kids - Statewide

www.msdh.state.ms.us

The Fire Academy for Kids teaches children fire safety and prevention, acquaints them with local firefighters, and gives the children an overall view of a firefighter's job.

Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life - Jackson Public Schools

www.msje.org

Talk About the Problems is a program based in the Jackson Public Schools that focuses on the understanding that empowering students to resolve their own conflicts can produce long lasting resolutions.

The Family Resource Center of Northeast Mississippi - Lee and 23 surrounding counties

www.frcnms.org

The **Family Resource Center of Northeast Mississippi** provides multidisciplinary team services, including forensic interviews for victims of abuse.

2013

Moore Community House – Biloxi

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Moore Community House works with the east Biloxi community assisting low-income neighbors with quality child care, family services & local economic development.

Jackson Medical Mall Foundation Childhood Obesity Project – Jackson Area

www.jacksonmedicalmall.org

The goal of **The Jackson Medical Mall Childhood Obesity Project** is to prevent and reduce obesity and promote healthy lifestyle changes in youth and families.

Emerson Family School Starkville School District – Starkville School District

<http://starkville.ms.schoolwebpages.com/education/school/school.php?sectionid=59>

The purpose of the **Emerson Family School** is to provide services for multi-generational families. The school has services available to strengthen and support the healthy development of families.

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Mississippi KIDS COUNT provides data, statistics and original research about the health, education, safety and well-being of children.