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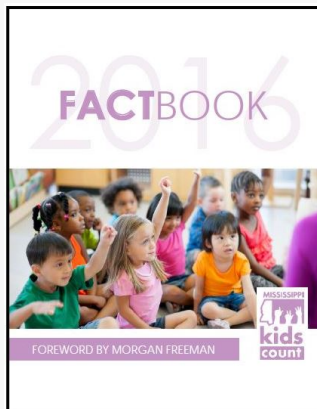
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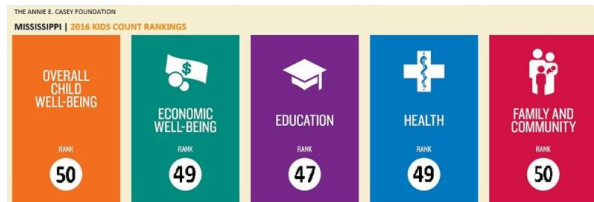


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**KIDS COUNT
2016
National Data Book**



The national KIDS COUNT Data Book and state rankings on child well-being were released this summer. Although Mississippi is ranked last, there were improvements in education and health indicators. Down load your copy of the [Data Book](#) today!




**Mississippi
KIDS COUNT is proud of
our chronic absenteeism
work!**

In 2015, Mississippi KIDS COUNT released its first policy brief on the subject of chronic absenteeism. [Present and Counting: A Look at Chronic Absenteeism in Mississippi Public Schools](#) (March 2015) explained the differences in common measures of attendance and the importance of understanding that chronic



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absenteeism is defined as missing 10% or more of the academic year for any reason.

Our next policy brief was [Counting the Future: Early Attendance Charts a Path for Future Success in Mississippi Schools](#) (February 2016), which shared district level data on chronic absenteeism and recommended action plans for stakeholders.

The most recent policy brief, [Moving Up: The Importance of Attendance in Addressing the Achievement Gap in Mississippi](#), (May 2016) examines the "opportunity quartile" and the connection to attendance.

Complementing the policy briefs on chronic absence are the [Mississippi County Attendance Factsheets](#), detailing data and information relevant to early education and chronic absence in Mississippi. Factsheets were distributed to members of the Mississippi State Legislature in June 2016.

Recently, the Mississippi Department of Education has recently released a very informative video on chronic absenteeism, featuring, in part, our Mississippi KIDS COUNT team and data. You can check it out [here](#).

Recent Events



Our MS KIDS COUNT team was pleased to be able to share our data and materials at the following recent events:

- Mississippi Summer Education Forum, July 22-23, Jackson, MS
- Mississippi Health Summit, July 22, Hattiesburg, MS
- Specialized Training Early Childhood Education Training Program Conference June, Oxford, MS
- Mississippi Early Childhood Education Conference, July 26, Natchez, MS.
- Mississippi Association of School Administrators Annual Conference, April,

Jackson, MS

Mississippi KIDS COUNT on air!

[Listen](#) to MS KIDS COUNT's team member, Ben Walker, as he talked about Mississippi's child well-being rankings on MPB's Mississippi Edition.

In July MS KC director, Dr. Linda Southward was also interviewed by Mississippi Public Radio regarding the 2016 KIDS COUNT annual report. [Listen here.](#)

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