

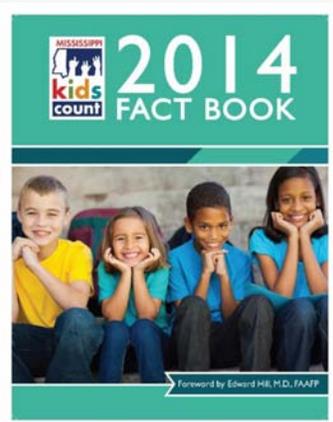


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Looking for the most current data on child well-being? Our National KIDS COUNT data center provides state rankings for four domains: Economic Well-Being, Education, Health, and Family & Community.

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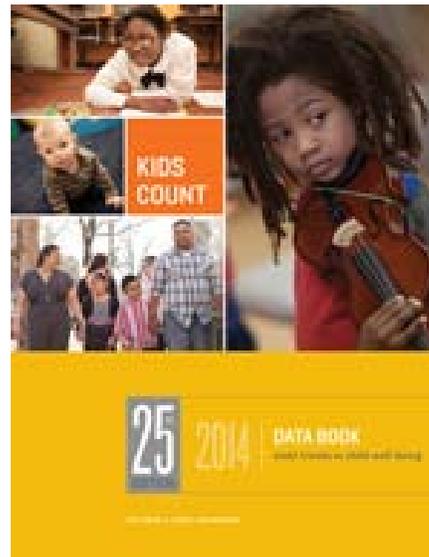
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2014 National KIDS COUNT Data Book



Marking the 25th edition, the Annie E. Casey Foundation released the 2014 National KIDS COUNT Data Book on July 22nd. Check out how Mississippi did in the 4 measurable areas below:



Although Mississippi moved to the 50th spot in the annual ranking of overall child well-being, there are some positives to be found. Since



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the data book first premiered in 1990 there has been steady improvement in preschool attendance. There has also been a decline in the percentage of Mississippi children not proficient in reading and math, from 86% in 1992 to 79% in 2013. Also, a positive trend has been seen in parental education. In Mississippi the percentage of children living in families in which no parent has a high school diploma went from 35% in 1990 to 14% in 2012. In addition, the child teen death rate in Mississippi decreased by 42% in the past 25 years.

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Mississippi KIDS COUNT Outreach

We're spreading the word about our work!

Presentations

- June 23, 2014: Mississippi KIDS COUNT was excited to join the Mississippi Association of Partners in Education at the Mississippi Municipal League annual conference to lead five, 30 minute, round table discussions on the topic Celebrating Mississippi Success Stories: Developing a Plan to Highlight What Works in our State.
- On July 22 at the Early Childhood and Education Conference in Natchez, Anne Buffington and Colleen McKee shared Counting What Counts: An Overview of Mississippi KIDS COUNT. Providing an overview of the vision and work of Mississippi KIDS COUNT they also shared information on Mississippi KIDS COUNT Early Care and Education Policy work as well as a tutorial of the KIDS COUNT Data

Center.

- Also, at the Early Childhood and Education Conference, Mississippi KIDS COUNT director Dr. Linda Southward joined Dr. Susan Buttross, Chief, Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics and Medical Director, Center for the Advancement of Youth (CAY) and Ms. Nadine Coleman, Director of Petal School District's Center for Families and Children, in presenting to the Mississippi Pre-K Collaborative members an overview of the Ages and Stages Assessment that will begin this fall.

Current Projects

Here is what we are working on:

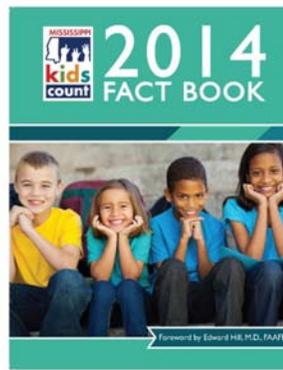
Pre-K Collaboratives

With the implementation of the Early Learning Collaborative Act, Mississippi KIDS COUNT, in concert with the Center for Mississippi Health Policy and MDE, is excited to be part of a pilot program to analyze the results of Pre-K developmental screenings of approximately 2000 children. Currently, only 17% of Mississippi children under the age of six receive such screenings.

Early Childhood Endeavors

Through a recent policy grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Mississippi KIDS COUNT is developing an early childhood platform based on research that results in positive incremental movement to improve comprehensive services for children from birth through age eight. With a particular focus on the importance of a Pre-K educational experience, Mississippi KIDS COUNT will produce and disseminate evidence-based research to policy makers and will facilitate first-hand opportunities for them to interact with stakeholders. Results from the developmental screening pilot program will be incorporated for dissemination also.

Mississippi KIDS
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In case you missed it, Mississippi KIDS COUNT released its 2014 Fact Book in February. The annual book has undergone significant changes. Download your copy from our [website](#).

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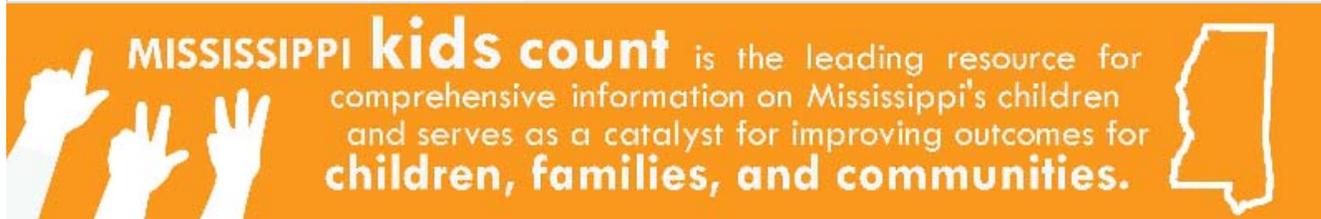


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