

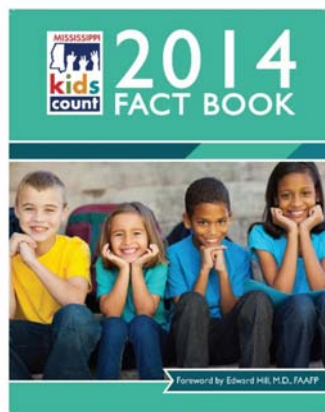


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Looking for the most current data on child well-being? Our National KIDS COUNT data center provides state rankings for four domains: Economic Well-Being, Education, Health, and Family & Community.


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MISSISSIPPI KIDS COUNT ON THE MOVE

Mississippi KIDS COUNT has had an exciting start to 2014. Check out some of our most recent activities.

Metro Jackson College Fair

Humanitarian, actor, and author, Hill Harper spoke to over 3700 Mississippi high school juniors and seniors as part of the Metro Jackson College Fair held on February 18th at the Jackson Convention Complex. He gave an inspiring message encouraging them to be the architects of their own dreams by outlining a "blue print for success." Mississippi KIDS COUNT partnered with Parents & Kids Magazine, Gear Up Mississippi, and the College Knowledge Project as sponsors of the event. At the conclusion of the remarkable presentation there was an inspiring question and answer session with Hill Harper and the youth. Using his intellect afforded by two Harvard degrees, coupled with his "rock star" celebrity status, he projected a winning combination that captured the attention of everyone in the audience.

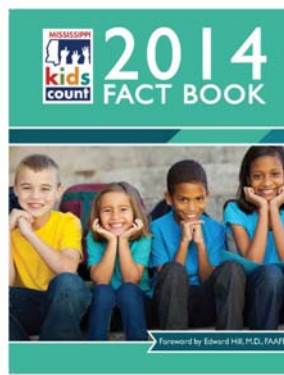
Check out the media coverage:
WAPT [News story](#) on Hill Harper's visit.
[MPB](#) interview with Hill Harper.



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2014 Mississippi KIDS COUNT Fact Book



Mississippi KIDS COUNT released its 2014 Fact Book in February. The annual book has undergone significant changes. It has been shortened to emphasize key topics and trends in Mississippi and stylized with the latest methods in graphic design and data visualization. The 2014 Fact Book focuses on indicators related to the health of children in Mississippi. In keeping with the topic of health, Mississippi KIDS COUNT was honored to have the foreword written by our own Advisory Board member, Edward Hill, M.D., FAAFP. Download your copy from our [website](#).

Mississippi KIDS COUNT Outreach

We're spreading the word about our work! In January KIDS COUNT Director Dr. Linda Southward and Colleen McKee presented "Moving Mississippi Forward: Current Research & Outreach" to the Columbus Rotary Club. Anne Buffington participated in the PREPS Conference in March, presenting "MS Success Stories: What We're Doing Right" along with Linda Ross Aldy, Manager of the Mississippi Association of Partners in Education and Robbie Brown, Director of

Member Services for the Mississippi Municipal League. If you would like to schedule a workshop or presentation for your community or organization, [contact us](#).

New Board Members

Mississippi KIDS COUNT is thrilled to welcome three new members to our advisory board. Dr. Devon Brenner, Professor and Head of MSU's Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education, Elnora Littleton, Bolivar County Community Action Agency, Inc., and Sammy L. Moon, Senior Advisor with United Way Worldwide's Field Engagement Division, are already providing great contributions to our organization.

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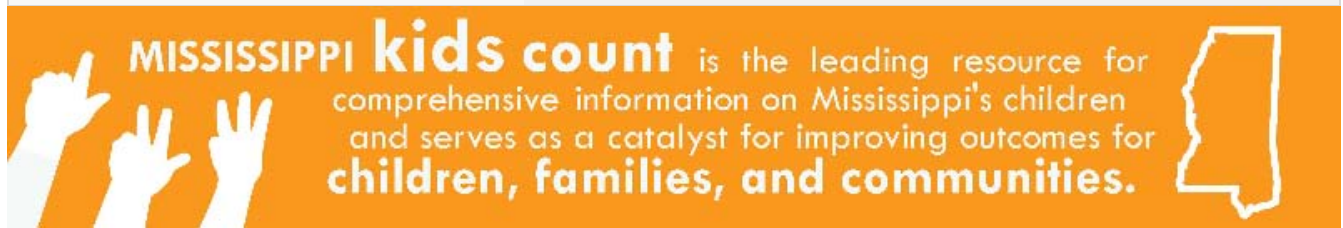
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Race for Results

A new report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation shows we have much ground to cover to ensure that all kids - especially children of color - are positioned to thrive. [Download](#) your copy of Race for Results: Building a Path to Opportunity for all Children.

How Does Your County Compare?

Have you checked out the latest data on your county? How does it compare to the rest of the state or nation in areas such as education or health? Find this data and more on our MS KIDS COUNT [website](#) data center.



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