

Update from Mississippi KIDS COUNT - Spring 2017



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Mississippi KIDS COUNT 2017 Fact Book



We are excited about the release of our 2017 Fact Book. With amazing info-graphics, insightful data, and a touching foreword by actress and Mississippi native, Sela Ward - we think it is our best Fact Book yet! Download your copy [here](#).

**Mississippi Legislative
Countdown Calendar**



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In January, we released our inaugural MS Legislative Countdown Calendar. We placed a copy of the calendar on the desk of each MS legislator on the first day of the 2017 session. Each page of the 90-day calendar contains facts and information relating to the well-being of MS children and families, as well as a countdown of the number of days left in the session. Our weekend pages are filled with delightful art work from MS 5th graders. You can view a digital copy of our calendar [here](#).

MS KIDS COUNT Chronic Attendance Work Continues

Thanks to a policy grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation and a partnership with the Office of Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement at the Mississippi Department of Education, researchers at Mississippi KIDS COUNT are currently surveying all school attendance officers to gather their opinions on improving attendance from a policy level, evaluate school district level attendance policies, and gauge the attitudes and beliefs on why children are missing school. Watch for our upcoming policy brief that will have the results of the survey coupled with the latest district and state chronic absence figures. You can find copies our previous chronic attendance policy briefs [here](#).

Recent Events



Our MS KIDS COUNT team was pleased to be at the Capitol Rotunda on Wednesday, March 8th for the release of our Fact Book. We enjoyed meeting and greeting legislators and Capitol visitors.



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