

2014 Quarterly Update



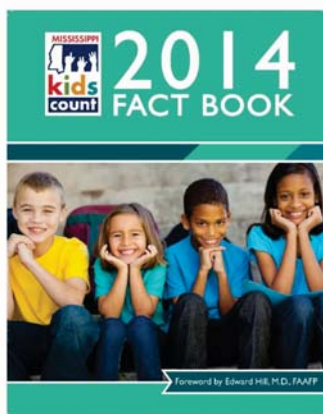
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**Mississippi KIDS COUNT
wishes you a happy and
safe holiday season!**



Creating Opportunity for Families: A Two-Generation Approach

With almost half the nation's children growing up in low-income households, a new report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation calls for an approach to lifting kids out of poverty. The new recommendations focus on delivering high-quality early childhood education while simultaneously providing parents with access to job training and career paths that enable them to financially support their families.

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The KIDS COUNT® policy report, *Creating Opportunity for Families: A Two-Generation Approach*, outlines how the public, nonprofit and private sectors must work together to reduce poverty among the 10 million low-income families with young children in the United States. The recommendations propose integrating state and federal employment, education and child care programs for parents and children to create better opportunities for the entire family.

Visit our *Mississippi KIDS COUNT* [website](#) to download your copy today!

Mississippi KIDS COUNT Sharing the Data

It has been a busy fall season at Mississippi KIDS COUNT. We have been on the move, sharing our data and updating Mississippians on the well-being of our children.

- On September 4, 2014 Dr. Linda Southward represented MS KIDS

COUNT presenting *Mississippi KIDS COUNT Who We Are and What We Do* to the MS Public Health Association.

- Mississippi KIDS COUNT was excited to be part of the Gulfport Fitness Fest on September 13th bringing fun and information to over 1000 children and parents.
- On September 22, in concert with the Center for Mississippi Health Policy and MDE, Mississippi KIDS COUNT conducted a training session on developmental screenings for the Mississippi Pre-K Collaboratives. These developmental screenings of approximately 2000 children are part of a pilot study.
- Mississippi KIDS COUNT was honored to be part of two legislative luncheons during the month of November: the annual Commission on the Future of Northeast Mississippi Legislative Luncheon, sponsored by the CREATE Foundation in Tupelo, on November 14th and a legislative luncheon in Biloxi, sponsored jointly by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community Foundation and the United Way of South Mississippi, on November 21st. These luncheons provided opportunities to share the importance of Pre-K developmental screenings and to distribute county fact sheets to legislators from the 23 counties represented.

Coming up. . .

The New Year is almost here and Mississippi KIDS COUNT plans to hit the ground running in 2015!

Data fact sheets: In January, check out the Mississippi data page on our [website](#) to download the latest data fact sheet made specifically for your county! These fact sheets are useful and informative tools for any educational, municipal, legislative, or community meeting. Use them to spread the word on how your county is doing in indicators of child well-being.

College Fair: Mississippi KIDS COUNT is once again looking forward to being a part of the Metro Jackson College Fair on February 11th. Over 3,600 students are expected to attend! Click [here](#) to read more about it.

The 2015 Mississippi KIDS COUNT Fact Book will be released on February 19th. This year the focus of our book will be the importance of early education and we are honored to have Dr. Carey Wright, Mississippi Superintendent of Education, to be writing the foreword.

Capitol Day: Mississippi KIDS COUNT will be at the Capitol in Jackson, MS on February 19th to distribute county fact sheets and the 2015 Fact Book to members of the Mississippi legislature.

Data Tools

Did you know that the KIDS COUNT® Data Center has a wealth of tools at your disposal? Data indicators for basic demographics, economics, education, family and community, health and more can be found on the national, state, county, school and congressional district levels. You can communicate with your audience at your next important meeting through visualized data via a chart or graph from the [Data Center](#).

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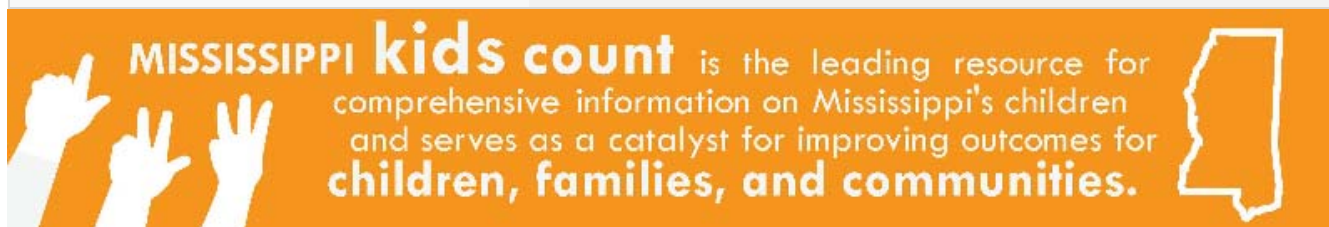


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