



## January 2002 Newsletter

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The New Year brings with it the release of many new data books, several training opportunities and shaky state finances that will challenge our ability to "hold the line" for children and families across the country. Take a look at the publications and resources highlighted this month, share with your colleagues and let us know via the website if we have missed something.

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#### **2001 WisKids Count Data Book** - *by Wisconsin Council on Children and Families*

The WisKids Count Data Book is a unique collection of county and school district level child well-being indicators illuminating issues such as K-12 financing, and barriers to school success.

#### **Miles to Go: The Well-Being of PA's Rural Children** - *by Pennsylvania Partnership for Children*

One rural Pennsylvania child in six lives in poverty - one of many adversities that Pennsylvania's rural children share with their urban and suburban counterparts, according to this new report from Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children.

#### **California County Data Book 2001: Factors for School Success** - *by Children Now*

A comprehensive collection of county by county data and statewide trends, this new report details a conclusive, systematic connection between California children's success or failure in school and the economic security, health, safety and early care foundation which underlies it.

#### **KIDS COUNT in Missouri 2001 Data Book** - *by Citizens for Missouri's Children, Children's Trust Fund*

The ninth annual KIDS COUNT in Missouri Data Book provides information on measures of child well being for the state, its 115 counties and St. Louis City. By highlighting trends and comparing geographic areas, the project educates Missourians about the condition of vulnerable children and encourages citizen action to improve their lives.

#### **Ohio's Appalachian Children** - *by Children's Defense Fund Ohio*

Ohio's Appalachian Children provides information about the many challenges facing children, parents, educators, caregivers, and health care workers in Appalachian Ohio. It also highlights just a few of the innovative ways that Appalachian communities provide needed services to children, often with remarkable ingenuity.

#### **2001 North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book** - *by KIDS COUNT North Dakota*

The 2001 North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book is designed to offer child well-being data on county, regional and state levels in a variety of formats.

#### **Washington KIDS COUNT 2001 County and City Profiles of Child and Family Wellbeing** - *by Washington KIDS COUNT*

The 2001 Profiles contains several new indicators including information on children's oral health, percent of hospitalizations due to asthma, housing affordability, Census 2000 family structure information, types of child maltreatment, and the race-ethnic distribution of births.

**[2001 South Dakota KIDS COUNT Factbook](#)** - by *South Dakota KIDS COUNT Project*

The South Dakota Kids Count Factbook contains state and county-based data. It provides multi-year, statewide overviews in sections on demographics, health, education, economics, and safety for South Dakota, as well as each of the state's 66 counties.

**[Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Census Brief Series](#)** - by *Rhode Island KIDS COUNT*

Large Increase in the Number of Rhode Island Children: released August, 2001. This four part series documents the overall change in Rhode Island's child population between 1990 and 2000 by city and town.

**[Action for Children, Winter 2002 newsletter](#)** - by *Kansas Action for Children*

The launch of the new Kansas Children's Campaign, KAC's 2002 policy agenda and the results of the 2001 Kansas Children's Report Card are the highlights of the winter 2002 newsletter.

**[2001 County Data Book: Growing Up in Oregon](#)** - by *Children First for Oregon*

This year Children First focused its Kids Count Data Book on stability and quality of family life. Indicators include income, poverty, housing, family structure and support systems.

## Resources and Reports

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**[QUALITY COUNTS 2002: FACING REALITY ON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION](#)** - by *Education Week on the Web*

Most Americans think education begins at age 5 with kindergarten. But children are learning from the moment they're born. And for millions of youngsters, the reality is that their early learning is a joint enterprise between parents and early childhood educators. "Quality Counts 2002: Building Blocks for Success" examines which states are getting the message that when it comes to early learning, quality is just as important as in K-12 education.

**[Symptoms of Depression Among Welfare Recipients; A Concern for Two Generations](#)** - by *Child Trends*

Child Trends examines why depressive symptoms among mothers receiving welfare may be a barrier to employment and a risk factor for their children.

## The State of States

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**[Expanding Family Coverage: States' Medicaid Eligibility Policies for Working Families in the Year 2000](#)** - by *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*

The percentage of low-income parents who are insured by Medicaid fell by almost 25 percent from 1995 to 2000, according to Census data, while the percentage of uninsured rose by 7 percent. The data were reported by The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

**[State Legislative Investments in School-Age Children and Youth](#)** - by *Barbara Langford - The Finance Project*

This paper highlights trends in state investments in school-age children and youth. Part I of this paper examines the landscape of state legislative action regarding supports and services for school-age children and youth. Part II provides a state-by-state catalogue of statutes that provide support for school-age children and youth.

## Upcoming Events

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**[Denver Regional Census Workshop](#)** - 03/13/2002

Location: Denver, CO

**[KIDS COUNT Regional Census Workshop](#)** - 02/12/2002

Location: Bethesda, MD

**New Staff Training** - 02/14/2002

Location: Bethesda, MD

Brett Brown of Child Trends will lead a training for new staff from KIDS COUNT network organizations. The training will follow the Regional Census workshop in Bethesda.

**KIDS COUNT in Delaware Fact Book Release** - 02/13/2002

Location: Wilmington, Delaware

**KIDS COUNT Regional Census Workshop** - 01/23/2002

Location: New Orleans

**Steering Committee Meeting** - 01/24/2002

Location: New Orleans

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