AECF Releases Its 24th KIDS COUNT® DATA Book

Nevada Ranks No. 48th in Overall Child Well-Being but Improves on 8 of the 16 Indicators of Child Well-Being

(Las Vegas, Nevada, June 24, 2013) The 2013 KIDS COUNT® Data Book released by the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) ranks Nevada near the bottom (48th) among the states on overall child well-being. On the four domains, each comprised of four individual indicators, Nevada ranks 41st on Family and Community, 47th on Health, 48th on Economic Well-Being, and 50th on Education.

At the state level, Nevada ranks in the bottom five on education, health, and economic well-being. “The effects of the recession on Nevada children are obviously still evident, said Dr. Rennae Daneshvary, director of Nevada KIDS COUNT. “Nevada’s recovery from the recession has been sluggish, but the Nevada economy appears to be improving, which should benefit the welfare of our children.”

The good news is Nevada children experienced gains in 8 of the 16 indicators for child well-being over the past few years. For example, Nevada saw a 27 percent decrease in the child and teen death rate, a 22 percent decrease in the teen birth rate, and a 20 percent decrease in the percent of children without health insurance.

The following highlights some of the indicators of child well-being for Nevada.

Economic Well-Being

- Twenty-two percent of Nevada children under age 18 lived in poverty in 2011. Nevada ranks 26th on this indicator. The child poverty rate increased from 15 to 22 percent (a 47 percent increase) between 2005 and 2011. This represents an increase of 54,000 children.
- Thirteen percent of Nevada teens ages 16 to 19 did not attend school and did not work in 2011. Nevada ranks 50th on this indicator. The percent of teens not attending school and not working increased from 11 to 13 percent (an 18 percent increase) from 2008 to 2011. This represents an increase of 3,000 teens.
Education
- Seventy percent of children ages 3 to 4 did not attend preschool in 2009-2011. Nevada ranks 50th on this indicator. The percent of children not attending preschool decreased from 75 to 70 percent (a 7 percent decrease) from 2005-2007 to 2009-2011. This represents a decrease of 3,000 children.
- Forty-two percent of Nevada high school students did not graduate on time in 2009-2010. Nevada ranked 50th on this indicator. The percent of high school students not graduating on time decreased by 5 percent from 2005-2006 to 2009-2010.

Health
- Sixteen percent of Nevada children under age 18 were not covered by any health insurance during 2011. Nevada ranks 50th on this indicator. The percent of children without health insurance decreased from 20 to 16 (a 20 percent decrease) from 2008 to 2011. This represents a decrease of 28,000 children.
- The child and teen death rate was 27 per 100,000 children ages 1 to 19 in 2010. Nevada ranks 23rd on this indicator. The child and teen death rate declined from 37 to 27 (a 27 percent decrease) from 2005 to 2010. This represents a decrease of 49 children/teens.

Family and Community Indicators
- Thirty-six percent of children in 2011 lived in single-parent families. Nevada ranks 30th on this indicator. The percent of children in single-parent families increased from 32 to 36 (a 13 percent increase) from 2005 to 2011. This represents an increase of 43,000 children.
- The teen birth rate in 2010 was 39 births per 1,000 females ages 15 to 19. Nevada ranks 35th on this indicator. The teen birth rate declined from 50 to 39 (a 22 percent decrease) from 2005 to 2010. This represents a decrease of 500 teens.

The KIDS COUNT® Data Book includes the latest data on child well-being for every state, the District of Columbia, and the nation. This information will be available June 24 at 12:01 a.m. EDT in the KIDS COUNT Data Center. Follow the Annie E. Casey Foundation on Twitter @aeckidscount and on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/KIDSCOUNT.

New Data Center to Launch June 24, 2013
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The redesigned KIDS COUNT Data Center has new and more user-friendly navigation features. The Data Center is a one-stop source for child well-being data, featuring the KIDS COUNT overall rankings, geographic profiles and customizable maps, graphs and rankings for use in publications and presentations. The regularly updated data cover the national, state, county, city and congressional and school district level, as well as information on racial and ethnic groups, including children in immigrant families. The new Data Center provides new search options and can be accessed on mobile devices at mobile.kidscount.org.
The Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas was established in 1975 to (1) make available academic expertise in research projects that assist in the development of the economy of Nevada, with special emphasis on the Southern Nevada business community and (2) to assist local and state agencies and private-sector enterprises in economic and marketing data collection and analysis that contribute to the diversification and growth of the Southern Nevada economy.

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