

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The 2009 Kentucky KIDS COUNT Data Book is the 19th annual data book providing state and county-level data to measure and improve child well-being. Many individuals and organizations devote significant time and energy to the creation of this book, and we greatly appreciate their contributions. In particular, we would like to extend a special thanks to Michael Price and Thomas Sawyer of the Urban Studies Institute at the University of Louisville for their dedicated work collecting and processing the data featured in this book and the online data system. Kentucky Youth Advocates also values the contributions of Rob Gorstein for the graphic design, Tiffanie Lamont for editing, and Joanna Young Marks for research and writing.

The following staff members of Kentucky Youth Advocates contributed to the production of this book and the accompanying online data system: Terry Brooks, Paul Colwell, Tara Grieshop-Goodwin, Lacey McNary, Whitney Neal, Melissa Paris, Rebecka Polonitzka, Amy Swann, and Patricia Tennen.

KIDS COUNT Data Partners

The following KIDS COUNT data partners make the county-level data book possible, and Kentucky Youth Advocates is particularly grateful for their support of the project:

Administrative Office of the Courts, Division of Juvenile Services

Council on Postsecondary Education
Covering Kentucky Kids and Families

Education Professional Standards Board

Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Department for Community Based Services

- ▶ Division of Child Care
- ▶ Division of Child Support
- ▶ Division of Family Support
- ▶ Division of Protection and Permanency

Department for Medicaid Services

Department for Public Health

- ▶ Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Branch
- ▶ Kentucky Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Division of Adult and Child Health
- ▶ Nutrition Services Branch
- ▶ Vital Statistics Branch

Kentucky Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

Kentucky Department of Education

Division of Early Childhood Development
Office of Assessment and Accountability
Office of Teaching and Learning

Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet,
Department of Juvenile Justice

Louisville Metro, Youth Detention Services

University of Louisville Department of Pharmacology
and Toxicology

Kentucky Youth Advocates Board of Directors

Beth Myers, President

Charles Baker

Matt Benningfield

Bob Butler

James Cecil

Ellen Friedman

Barbara Lasky

Jon Lipsitz

Nancy Peterson

Keith Sanders

Bill Stewart, Immediate Past-President

Marita Willis

Lori Wilson

Featured Artwork

Some of the photographs featured on the cover and section divider pages were taken at Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol and at events to release the 2008 Kentucky KIDS COUNT County Data Book.

Special Thanks

Kentucky Youth Advocates extends special thanks to the following coordinators of the student engagement at Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol:

Jo Ann Borntrager, Harlan Middle and High Schools in Harlan County

Laura Bowling, Eastern High School in Jefferson County

Jeanne Ann Lee, Harlan County High School

Charlanne Pook, The Providence School in Jessamine County

Debbie Powers, DeSales High School in Jefferson County

Kentucky KIDS COUNT is part of a nationwide initiative of the Annie E. Casey Foundation to track the status of children in the United States. By providing policymakers and citizens with benchmarks of child well-being, KIDS COUNT seeks to enrich local, state, and national discussions of ways to secure better futures for all children. For more information on the KIDS COUNT initiative, visit the Annie E. Casey Foundation web site at www.aecf.org.

