

WHAT'S NEW WITH KIDS?

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Site of the Month

NEVADA KIDS COUNT WEB SITE

While driving to work this morning I decided to write the August newsletter before the September one was due. Brainstorming, I realized that I had neglected to review one of the best Web sites on children in Nevada—our own.

The Nevada KIDS COUNT Web site features numerous publications related to children, most notably, the *Nevada KIDS COUNT Data Book*. The *Data Book*, available on-line for the years 2000 to 2007, report the most current, reliable data on child well-being indicators for the state, and where available, by county. Another publication, county profiles, reports all the data on a county from the state *Data Book* on one page.

Our Web site also features issue/policy briefs written by Nevada KIDS COUNT staff and graduate students at UNLV. The graduate students in an economics research methods class are required to write an issue brief on one aspect of child well-being, using data from Nevada. Issue-brief topics for spring 2008 included the cost of child abuse and neglect, education reform, family budgets, and tobacco-tax funds.

Essays on children, written by Nevada KIDS COUNT guest writers, are posted along with the monthly *Nevada KIDS COUNT Newsletters*. The essays reflect the parenting experiences of the writers, who are residents of Nevada; whereas, the newsletters generally provide a review of research reports and Web sites related to children.

Links to publications produced by organizations other than Nevada KIDS COUNT are also posted on our Web site. These include publications by the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF), such as the national *Kids Count Data Book*, and articles from Nevada newspapers that mention KIDS COUNT.

Besides publications, links to state KIDS COUNT grantees and to data-rich resource Web sites, such as the AECF Data Center, are also displayed, as are pictures from a Nevada KIDS COUNT event. Current pictures depict a meeting with Nevada KIDS COUNT representatives and delegates from Macau, who had requested a meeting to learn about Nevada KIDS COUNT and data collection methods on child well-being indicators.

Last, but not least, our site provides information about the Nevada KIDS COUNT project. More importantly, we list members of our Executive Committee (EC) and our Associate Members (AM). EC members provide support to Nevada KIDS COUNT by serving as a link to the community by identifying relevant children and youth issues and promoting KIDS COUNT throughout the state. Each member offers expertise on specific areas of child well-being. AM are committed to the KIDS COUNT project by serving on either the data or the editing committee.

Nevada KIDS COUNT invites you to visit our Web site at: <http://kidscount.unlv.edu/>.