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Welcome to Delaware’s 2018 Legislative Session! KIDS COUNT in Delaware is pleased to present this daily calendar as a resource on the well-being of our state’s children.

We’d like to give a special thanks to Nemours Health and Prevention Services for supporting the costs related to the design and printing of this calendar.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
KIDS COUNT in Delaware is proud to support and further messages of a network of KIDS COUNT organizations across the United States. Together, our aim is to grow safe, healthy, strong communities with a wealth of opportunities for all of our children because wanting the best for our kids is not a partisan issue.
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KIDS COUNT in Delaware’s 2017 Legislative Wrap-Up
Now Available

KIDS COUNT in Delaware is pleased to release our 2017 Legislative Wrap-Up, which reports on legislation passed in the Delaware General Assembly’s 2017 legislative session affecting Delaware children and their families. This represents the 9th edition of this annual publication which reports on legislation passed in the categories of health, education, child welfare, and economic well-being. This year’s wrap-up further examines crafting effective policy as well as budget decisions made in the last fiscal year.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
The Delaware Legislative Kids Caucus enjoys bipartisan support with members from both the Senate and House of Representatives. The Co-Chairs of the Kids Caucus are Rep. Debra Heffernan and Sen. Harris McDowell.
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Using data generated by the American Community Survey and the Delaware Population Consortium, we are able to provide an overview of the demographic makeup for Delaware’s children and their families.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
### Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

Population Percentages by Race/Ethnicity, Counties
Five-Year Averages, 2011–2015

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*Note: Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

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The Changing Face of Delaware’s Children

Children under 18 by Race/Hispanic Origin, Delaware

Note: Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

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Beebe is proud it was the first organization in Delaware to earn the designation as a Baby-Friendly™ Hospital, reflecting its commitment to the optimal level of care for infant feeding and mother-and-infant bonding.

For questions about having your baby at Beebe, contact Carrie Snyder, Women’s Health Navigator at (844) 316-3330.
Delaware Child Population Compared to U.S.
by Race/Hispanic Origin, 2011–2015

Delaware
- White Non-Hispanic: 51.5%
- Black Non-Hispanic: 25.7%
- Hispanic: 14.3%
- Other: 13.4%

U.S.
- White Non-Hispanic: 52.2%
- Black Non-Hispanic: 24.1%
- Hispanic: 14.1%
- Other: 18%

Note: Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

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In an age of growing diversity, it is essential for the state’s economic health that we provide opportunity to all of Delaware’s children. Now more than ever, our kids are counting on us to bring a voice to their issues, which will secure a positive future for all of us.
January 20

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KIDS COUNT in Delaware data is grouped into four categories.

- Health and Health Behaviors
- Educational Involvement and Achievement
- Economic Security
- Family & Community

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This year, KIDS COUNT in Delaware is highlighting Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Look for icons identifying ACE indicators, ACE-related hardships, possible risk outcomes and actions throughout the calendar.
Student Disabilities Advocate, Inc. (SDA) advocates on behalf of special needs, homeless and bullied students. SDA will present before groups providing information as to students’ rights and the schools’ obligations. We provide in office consultations, attend meetings with parents and represent you in hearings and court, if necessary.

Lawsde.org/ call (302)428-9500
Adverse childhood experiences include events such as abuse, neglect, and family violence that occur in the first 18 years of life.

CDC-Kaiser ACES Identified:

**ABUSE**
- Physical
- Emotional
- Sexual Abuse

**NEGLECT**
- Physical
- Emotional

**HOUSEHOLD DYSFUNCTION**
- Mental Illness
- Incarcerated Relative
- Mother Treated Violently
- Substance Abuse
- Divorce

Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
http://www.cdc.gov/ace/prevalence.html#rwjf.org/aces

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Exposure to ACEs can lead individuals toward the adoption of unhealthy habits and the onset of negative long-term health and economic issues.

**Possible Risk Outcomes**

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As the number of ACEs increases, so does the number of negative health outcomes.


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One way to ensure economic security in Delaware is to focus on creating “high-opportunity” neighborhoods throughout the entire state. A large key to achieving this is through the minimization and prevention of racial and economic isolation. How can we change policies as a state to close racial and economic gaps and provide greater opportunities to our lower income families and kids?
ECONOMIC SECURITY can be examined through the lens of poverty statistics, family income levels, and economic inclusion data.

**Median Family Income**

*Median Income in Thousands of US Dollars of Households with Children under 18 by Family Type*

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<td>2014-2016</td>
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<td>2009-2011</td>
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**Children in Poverty**

*Percentage of Children (0-17) in Poverty*

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**Economic Inclusion of Young People**

*Percentage of Teens (16-19) Not Attending School and Not Working*

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<td>8.4%</td>
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For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Kent and Sussex County data are not available separately.
Source: Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research

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Unemployment
Delaware Compared to U.S.

Sources: Delaware Department of Labor and U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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The foundation of our economy rests on the health and stability of our public systems and structures. Economic activity depends on transportation systems, energy, and communications grids. It is supported by the courts, our postal system, and educational institutions. When investment is lacking and unemployment increases, children often face the direct effects.
February 3

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February 4

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Understanding dynamics of family employment is a key way for Delaware to estimate household income.
Children with Underemployed Parents
Delaware Compared to U.S.

Percentage of Children Living in Families where No Parent Has Full-time, Year-round Employment

Source: Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Official vs. Supplemental Poverty Measure

Percentage in Poverty Measure vs. Supplemental Poverty Measure

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Source: U.S. Census Current Population Survey

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Teens Not in School and Not Working
Delaware Compared to U.S.

Source: Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Connecting Generations has been helping Delaware students overcome adversity for over 27 years. We are a state-based non-profit that has developed into Delaware’s largest school-based mentoring organization, with over 1500 mentors working with 1600 K-12 students each year at 97 schools throughout the state. We also offer social emotional learning workshops for elementary schools and for after-school and summer programs. Our programs are research- and evidence-based and our methods and materials follow guidelines set by the National Mentoring Partnership.

**School-Based Mentoring**

- **1600** Students Served Each Year
- **97** School Partners
- **1500** Active Mentors

“Every child who winds up doing well has had at least one stable and committed relationship with a supportive adult.”

—Harvard Center on the Developing Child

**Social Emotional Learning**

- **2200** Students Served Each Year Through In-School, After-School and Summer Workshops

“Social and emotional development is multi-faceted and integral to academics – to how school happens and to how learning takes place.”

—The Aspen Institute

Self-Awareness
Self-Management
Social Awareness
Relationship Skills
Responsible Decision-Making

Go to www.connecting-generations.org to learn more.
Reconnecting youth to education and employment requires a multifaceted approach. The Annie E. Casey Foundation’s Youth and Work policy report provides several policy recommendations to create pathways for success. Read more at www.aecf.org/resources/youth-and-work
February 10

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
February 11

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Reduction poverty, and the racial and ethnic disparities in our state’s poverty rates, must begin with a shared understanding of how opportunities and well-being are shaped by policy. EITC, SNAP, and TANF are examples of policy actions that support child well-being by strengthening families.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
While child poverty remains high in the U.S., it would be a lot higher without refundable tax credits, including the Child Tax Credit, which together with the Earned Income Tax Credit lifted nearly 4.5 million children out of poverty in 2016.
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Source: Delaware Health and Social Services

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Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
Delaware

Source: Delaware Health and Social Services

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Children of color are 2.6 times more likely to experience poverty than their white peers. Through TANF, the EITC, SNAP, and other federal assistance programs we have begun to lower that number. But we have not fixed it. No child should face a future limited by inequity. Together, state lawmakers and advocates can design laws, practices, and policies to extend opportunities to all.
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HEALTH & HEALTH BEHAVIORS
The future prosperity of any society depends on its ability to foster the health and growth of the next generation. Delaware must put structures in place to ensure that our children can maximize the benefits of their healthcare and stay healthy.

Low Birth Weight Births
As a Percentage of All Births

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Infant Mortality
Deaths of Infants Less than 1 Year Old per 1,000 Live Births

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Children Without Health Insurance
Percentage of Children (0-17) Without Health Insurance

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<td>2014-2016</td>
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It's a lot smarter to prevent a problem than to wait until it is a crisis. Health insurance plays a crucial role in children’s health by making it possible for children to receive access to both preventative care and acute and chronic illness care.
Children without Health Insurance

Delaware Compared to U.S.

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Source: Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware
Pediatric Neurology

Pediatric Neurologist, Nicole Ryan, MD, is seeing pediatric patients with epilepsy, headaches, tics, autism, concussion, developmental delay, and other neurological conditions. Dr. Ryan is Board Certified in Neurology with Special Qualification in Child Neurology and Board Certified in Epilepsy. For appointments call Beebe Primary Care–Lewes at (302) 313-1040.
Delaware Number of Children with Medicaid/CHIP Medical Claims by County FY 2011-15

Number of Children in Thousands with Medicaid/CHIP Medical Claims

- New Castle: 57,452
- Sussex: 19,429
- Kent: 24,836

Source: The Current Landscape for Disability and Health in Delaware 2015, Center for Disabilities Studies, University of Delaware

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) play a crucial role in providing coverage for uninsured youth; these programs provide coverage for more than one in four children. Solutions like these- that get everyone to participate in the health insurance system- make healthcare more efficient and affordable for us all.

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February 24

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Did You Know…
The most important growing period in a child’s life happens during the first 1,000 days (3 years)?

A child’s early years are vital. They shape their entire future. Help Me Grow is a system that helps children and their families find community-based programs and services to help you promote your child’s healthy development in these early years. Simply dial 2-1-1 to speak with one of our Child Development Specialist today!

Building Stronger Kids One Step at a Time!

Web: www.dethrives.com/help-me-grow
Phone: Simply dial 2-1-1 or 1-800-560-3372   Text: 302-231-1464
February 26

A healthy start begins with prenatal health and the well-being of a child’s mother.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Babies cry an average of two to three hours a day over the first six weeks - but there's help for all new parents in Delaware!

Go to allbabiescry.com or download the mobile app access code: DELAWARE

82% of new parents surveyed in Delaware used All Babies Cry in 2017!
Prenatal Care
Delaware by Race/Hispanic Origin

Percentage of Mothers Receiving Prenatal Care in the First Trimester of Pregnancy

- White
- Black
- Hispanic

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

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First State Community Action Agency is committed to helping children and families in poverty 
ACHIEVE their greatest potential and live HEALTHY, productive lives.

Our caring staff are present to ensure student SUCCESS in and outside the classroom as well as improve home and learning environments that will enhance the health and WELLBEING of Delaware’s children.

Learn how First State can help your children learn and grow!

New Castle: 302-498-0454
Kent: 302-674-1355
Sussex: 302-856-7761

http://www.firststatecaa.org
March 1

Policies and programs that enhance accessibility of care, like Delaware’s constellation of home visiting program services, will ensure that new mothers and their babies have the best start possible. Find out more at http://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/files/tdia.pdf

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
March 2

 Mothers who do not get prenatal care are significantly more likely to have low birth weight babies or face infant mortality than their counterparts who do receive care.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
March 3

Saturday

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For more information go to: dekidscount.org
March 4

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
An infant’s weight at birth can be a decisive indicator of the newborn’s chances for survival, growth, long term health, and psychosocial development.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Did you know that twelve infants died in 2016 from unsafe infant sleeping in the State of Delaware?

INFANT SAFE SLEEP TIP
Never share a bed with an infant. Infants should be placed in their own crib or bassinet when the parent is ready to sleep.
Low Birth Weight Births
Delaware by Race/Ethnicity

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Note: Infant Mortality Rate – number of deaths occurring in the first year of life per 1,000 live births
Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Women’s Health e-newsletter

Sign up for Beebe’s Women’s Health e-newsletter! Receive our monthly e-newsletter that includes articles on wellness, healthy recipes and featured blogs from local writers. Learn more about staying healthy and living a healthy lifestyle through all stages of your life!

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Happy International Women’s Day! In celebration of our state’s diverse and amazing mothers, we would like to thank all mothers for their work of raising the next generation of Delaware citizens.

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March 9

Work of the Delaware Healthy Mother and Infant Consortium’s Perinatal Cooperative is focused on reducing Delaware’s infant mortality rates through collecting & analyzing data, educating about intervention strategies, and encouraging use of best practices.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
March 10

Did you know?

Once baby’s teeth have begun to come in, it is important to keep in mind that even breastfeeding babies are sometimes susceptible to baby-bottle tooth decay (BBTD), a major cause of dental cavities in infants that can also cause serious damage to permanent teeth later on. BBTD results from teeth being coated in almost any liquid other than water for long periods, and occurs most commonly among babies who are put to bed with a bottle of formula or juice.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Oral health is a critical component of a child’s overall health and well-being, but many children do not receive adequate or comprehensive oral health care.

Note:
Decay experience refers to having untreated decay or a dental filling, crown, or other type of restorative dental material in primary or permanent teeth. Includes teeth that were extracted because of tooth decay.

Source:
Delaware Smile Survey, Bureau of Oral Health and Dental Services
For more information go to: dekidscount.org

Experts agree that being healthy and fit in adulthood is largely determined by communities that we live in as children. Smart states are those that pay attention to effective policies and programs that enhance community well-being.
Weight Classification of Children Ages 2–17
Delaware Counties and Wilmington, 2014

New Castle County
- Healthy weight: 57.9%
- Overweight or Obese: 33.5%
- Underweight: 8.6%

Wilmington
- Healthy weight: 54.8%
- Overweight or Obese: 36.4%
- Underweight: 8.8%

Kent County
- Healthy weight: 55.9%
- Overweight or Obese: 36.8%
- Underweight: 7.3%

Sussex County
- Healthy weight: 54.6%
- Overweight or Obese: 39.3%
- Underweight: 6.1%

Source: Nemours Health & Prevention Services

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Source: Delaware Survey of Children’s Health (DSCH) 2014
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⇒ at $38,000 or less without dependents

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Save some NOW...spend later!
% of Delaware children (ages 2-17) were physically active for 60 minutes or more every day, by location

- Delaware: 54.9%
- City of Wilmington: 49.7%
- New Castle County excluding City of Wilmington: 55.6%
- Kent County: 54.3%
- Sussex County: 55.6%

Source: Delaware Survey of Children’s Health (DSCH) 2014

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
When schools serve nutritious foods and invest time in physical education, they become learning environments that shape strong minds and bodies; initiatives such as community gardens can make healthy food available to everyone; neighborhood amenities such as parks, recreation center, sidewalks and libraries make it safer for children to engage in physical activity and serve as a vehicle for socializing, increased time outdoors, and enhanced quality of life.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Delawareans deserve healthy environments no matter where they live. Because children’s growing brains and bodies are more susceptible to toxins in the environment than adults, the presence of environmental hazards can have a critical role in a child’s education, social, and health development.

Source: Delaware Survey of Children’s Health (DSCH) 2014

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Families were having trouble tracking the number of doses of medicine left in quick-relief bronchodilators—the inhalers that patients with asthma rely on to open airway passages during a flare-up. Each inhaler has approximately 200 doses of medicine. Some inhalers have dose counters that track how many doses of active medication are left in the inhaler; however, the brand previously covered by Delaware Medicaid did not. The Medicaid and Medical Assistance Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee recommended a policy change that has since been implemented. All Medicaid beneficiaries, both children and adults diagnosed with asthma and other respiratory conditions now have access to a bronchodilator inhaler with a dose counter.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
In Delaware, adolescents make up 19% of the population. Commonly considered a time marked by risky behaviors, it is also a time of immense opportunity because it is a critical period to create life-long patterns of behavior. Supporting and empowering youth to make healthy decisions not only improves their current well-being, but also has far reaching positive impacts later in life.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Teen Lifestyle Choices
Delaware High School Students Grades 9–12, 2015

94% Sometimes, most the time, or always wore a seatbelt when riding in a car driven by someone else
83% Did not ride with a driver who had been drinking alcohol (past 30 days)
86% Did not carry a weapon during the past 30 days
93% Did not attempt suicide during the past 12 months
89% Did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days
67% Did not drink alcohol during the past 30 days
76% Did not use marijuana during the past 30 days
54% Never had sexual intercourse
64% Not sexually active during the past 3 months
6% Ate 4 or more servings of fruit per day in the past 7 days

Source: CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Teen Substance Abuse and Relationship to Parents

Delaware, 2016

8th graders who talk with parents about school almost every day
8th graders who argue or fight with parents almost every day

Percentage of 8th Graders Reporting Substance Abuse in the Past Month

Source: Delaware School Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Teen Sexual Activity
Delaware High School Students Grades 9-12
Have you ever had sexual intercourse?

| Category                  | Yes (% | No (% | Not Sure (%)
|---------------------------|--------|--------|---------------
| Heterosexual              | 44     | 57     | 64
| Gay/Lesbian               | 61     | 62     | 9
| Bisexual                  | 59     | 39     | 26
| Mother Incarcerated       | 61     | 62     | 9
| Father Incarcerated       | 43     | 58     | 8
| No One Incarcerated       | 52     | 47     | 11
| Physical Disability       | 41     | 47     | 12
| Learning Disability       | 41     | 47     | 12
| Emotional Disability      | 41     | 47     | 12
| Black                     | 52     | 47     | 11
| White                     | 41     | 47     | 12
| Hispanic/Latino           | 41     | 47     | 12
| Other                     | 41     | 47     | 12
| Multiple Races            | 41     | 47     | 12
| Bullied in Past Year      | 52     | 47     | 11
| Not Bullied               | 41     | 47     | 12

Source: CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Teens who report positive communication with their parents about sexuality are at an increased likelihood of delaying sexual activity, report fewer partners, and use birth control and/or condoms when they do decide to be sexually active.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Multiple research studies have shown that access to comprehensive sexual health information and resources decreases risk behaviors associated with STDs, including HIV, as well as preventing unplanned pregnancy.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Source: STD Program, Delaware Division of Public Health
Births to Teens 15–19
Delaware Compared to U.S.

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Women’s Health Nurse Navigator

Beebe Healthcare wants to Be There for the women in our community. Our Women’s Health Nurse Navigator Carrie Snyder, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, can answer questions and provide information you need to live your healthiest life. Have questions about mammography? Need a physician? Curious about services Beebe offers to improve health? Contact Carrie at (844) 316-3330 or womenshealth@beebehealthcare.org.
Births to Teens 15–19
Delaware, Counties, and Wilmington

Live Births to 15-19 Year-old Females per 1,000 15-19 Year-old Females

Five-Year Periods

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Delaware’s School-Based Health Centers (SBHC) address a broad range of health and health-related needs. By placing health services in Delaware high schools, students are assured easy access to immediate care and provided with a safe place to talk about troubling issues. SBHCs offer screenings to prevent and treat diseases and provide health care promotion to assist in decreasing risky behaviors.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Child abuse is the maltreatment or neglect of a child that results in any non-accidental harm or injury. Abuse comes in a number of forms of maltreatment including physical and emotional abuse or neglect, verbal abuse, and sexual abuse. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.
ACEs Reported by Adults 18+ years in Delaware & U.S.

Prevalence of ACES
Adults 18+ years, DE & US

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Abuse: Emotional, Physical, Sexual
Delaware 2015

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Source: 2015 Delaware Household Health Survey, The Delaware Public Health Institute

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Child Abuse and Neglect
Number of Substantiated Cases, Delaware

Source: Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Wednesday

Rate of Substantiated Child Abuse Cases

Delaware

Source: Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Types of Abuse and Neglect
Delaware, Fiscal Year 2016

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<td><strong>Total Substantiated Cases</strong></td>
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Source: Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families
Did you know?

Senate Bill 111 creates the Behavioral Health Consortium, an advisory body comprised of community advocates, law enforcement, healthcare professionals, and state leaders that will assess and outline an integrated plan for action to address prevention, treatment, and recovery for mental health, substance use, and co-occurring disorders.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
April 7

Happy World Health Day!

For more information go to: dekidscout.org
For many, the home is a sanctuary: a place of love, safety, security, and shelter. Unfortunately for some, it can be a place of fear and violence. Witnessing or being the victim of domestic violence can have profound emotional, developmental, and physical consequences for children.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Domestic violence is often in response to the culmination of the various stressors a family experiences.
Domestic violence – the defendant or victim in a family violence case may be male or female, child or adult, or may be of the same sex. Family violence is any criminal offense or violation involving the threat of physical injury or harm; act of physical injury; homicide; sexual contact, penetration or intercourse; property damage; intimidation; endangerment, and unlawful restraint.

Source: Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police

For more information go to: dekidscout.org
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

PCAD provides resources + training to make sure every child in Delaware has a safe and nurturing childhood.

info@pcadela.org
www.pcadela.org
(302) 425-7490
Teen Violence and Victimization

In the past year, which of the following things have you done?

Delaware, 2016

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<th>Behavior in the Past Year</th>
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<td>Hit someone to hurt</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<td>Damaged or destroyed property</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<td>Participated in gang activity</td>
<td>2%</td>
<td>3%</td>
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Source: Delaware School Survey. Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware
The newly-launched Partnership for Healthy Communities is focused on improving the health of all Delawareans by connecting resources at the University of Delaware with the vast network of community-based organizations and government agencies dedicated to health and well-being. If you are interested in becoming a partner, please contact phc-info@udel.edu.
Did you know?
The Beau Biden Foundation is working with many partners in the state to teach adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse via the Darkness to Light’s Stewards of Children program.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
For more information go to: dekidscount.org
A high quality education system—one that empowers children to excel in school from birth through higher education—supports students in reaching their full potential, and is essential for the future competitiveness and economic vitality of our state. This week, we celebrate the “week of the young child” by highlighting early education in Delaware. Learn more at naeyc.org/woyc

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
deaeyc serves and acts on behalf of the needs, rights and well-being of all young children and their families in Delaware.

deaeyc envisions a world where all young children thrive and learn in a society dedicated to ensuring they reach their full potential.

For more information please visit: www.deaeyc.org
“Starting with Stars”

Level 1 – Programs at this first level of participation in Delaware Stars are in good standing with the Office of Child Care Licensing and are working on required steps for orientation.

Star Level 2 – Programs at Star Level 2 have begun their active pursuit of continuous quality improvement for their early care and education or school age program. Programs have completed all components required in “Starting with Stars” and are implementing a Quality Improvement Plan linked to the Delaware Stars for Early Success Standards.

Star Level 3 – To reach a Star Level 3, a program must achieve a minimum of a 3.4 on each of the ERS assessments for their program and earn at least 60 quality points through the verification of quality standards.

Star Level 4 – To reach a Star Level 4, a program must achieve a minimum of a 4.4 on each of the ERS assessments for their program and earn at least 80 quality points through the verification of quality standards.

Star Level 5 – The highest level of achievement for programs in Delaware Stars. To reach a Star Level 5, a program must achieve a minimum of a 5.4 on each of the ERS assessments for their program and earn at least 80 quality points through the verification of quality standards.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Stars Participation
Delaware

Source: The Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Delaware succeeds when our young children succeed: brain architecture lays the foundation for all learning and 90% of the physical brain develops by age 5.
Economists estimate a 10% return on investments in high quality early education—in reduced health care, special education, incarceration costs, and increased productivity and tax revenues.
April 21

Did you know?
We are paying those educating our youngest children less than many minimum wage jobs. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics, Delaware child care workers earn between $9-$10 per hour, for an annual salary of $21,910—below the Federal Poverty Level for a family of 4 in 2017. Supporting professional development systems and continued resources for child care providers is important in Delaware.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
April 22

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
EDUCATIONAL INVOLVEMENT & ACHIEVEMENT

Education plays a primary role in equipping young people with the necessary skills, knowledge, and experiences for achievement.

**3rd Grade Reading Proficiency**

Percentage of Delaware Third Graders Meeting the Standard in Reading

|          | 2015-2016 | 53.8% |

*Delaware’s “Smarter Balance” test was initiated in the 2014/15 school year. Because the performance measure has changed, historical data comparison data is not available.

**8th Grade Math Proficiency**

Percentage of Delaware Eighth Graders Meeting the Standard in Math

|          | 2015-2016 | 37.7% |

*Delaware’s “Smarter Balance” test was initiated in the 2014/15 school year. Because the performance measure has changed, comparison data is not available.

**Graduation Rates**

Percentage of June Graduates Compared to the 9th Grade Class Four Years Previous

|          | 2015-2016 | 84.7% |

**IMPROVED**

|          | 2010-2011 | 79.0% |

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Public and Nonpublic School Enrollment by State and County
Delaware, 2015-16

Delaware
- Public School Enrollment: 136,027
- Private School Enrollment: 17,513
- Home School Enrollment: 2,456

New Castle County
- Public School Enrollment: 78,656
- Private School Enrollment: 12,000
- Home School Enrollment: 1,066

Kent County
- Public School Enrollment: 30,485
- Private School Enrollment: 1,903
- Home School Enrollment: 795

Sussex County
- Public School Enrollment: 26,886
- Private School Enrollment: 908
- Home School Enrollment: 584

Source: Delaware Department of Education

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Through the University of Delaware’s 100+ education partnerships, the Partnership for Public Education brings together members of UD and the broader Delaware educational community to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and resources for the betterment of Delaware public education.

To get connected with these education partnerships contact ppe-info@udel.edu.
Reading Proficiency by Family Income
2015-16 Delaware Testing, 3rd and 11th Grade Reading by Family Income

Source: Delaware Department of Education

Percentage of Delaware Third Graders Meeting the Standard in Reading
- Grade 3-Not Low Income: 66%
- Grade 3-Low income: 38%

Percentage of Delaware Eleventh Graders Meeting the Standard in Reading
- Grade 11-Not Low Income: 58%
- Grade 11-Low income: 33%

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Grade 3
Reading Proficiency by Race/Ethnicity
2015-16 Smarter Balanced Assessment Results

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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>41</td>
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<td>White</td>
<td>66</td>
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<td>All Students</td>
<td>54</td>
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Notes: “All” includes Native American and Asian.
Source: Delaware Department of Education

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
New data on Delaware’s earliest learners is now available. The data reveal that new kindergarteners score best in literacy skills. However, within literacy, only two-thirds are at the level that’s expected developmentally for five-year-olds. Find out more at www.doe.k12.de.us/DE-ELS
Delaware schools have embraced the Farm-to-School movement, allowing Delaware kids to have fresher foods and often hands-on experience with growing their own fresh produce. Fifteen local farms have formed strong bonds with Delaware schools. In addition, as of 2016, 26 of our schools had gardens.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Delaware provides a healthy diet to 36 percent of public school students through the federal National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs. In the 2015-2016 school year, Delaware was the third state in a nation for overall adoption of the Community Eligibility Provision, which provides universal meal service to students in school districts with at least 40% of students who are directly certified for free meals. Programs like this—that support child development by ensuring all children are well nourished—are a critical component in raising healthy, strong, and smart children.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Note: Direct Certification – Students who receive benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and/or Delaware’s Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) automatically qualify for free meals with no further documentation necessary. Other students can qualify based on completion of the meal eligibility form. In CEP schools, the basis for reimbursement is Direct Certification x 1.6, but all students receive free meals.

Source: Delaware Department of Education

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
“Having a place to go with friends and mentors to talk to has boosted my confidence. I love it!”

- Kemuel Harding
YMCA of Delaware Teen

Each year, thousands of Delaware teens like Kemuel are empowered to strive for greatness thanks to Y programs that promote positive behaviors, better health and educational achievement.

To learn more, visit www.ymcadede.org.
Children in immigrant families, like their predecessors in previous centuries, will end up contributing to the nation’s prosperity if given a chance. The U.S. has 18 million children who are growing up in immigrant families. More than 88% of these children are American citizens and 84% are children and youth of color.
For more information go to: dekidscount.org
The Annie E. Casey Foundation’s 2017 Race for Results report shows that persistent challenges in opportunities for success and well-being after the recession hinder children of color and kids living in immigrant families.
Did you know?
May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Schools can be integral in the early diagnosing and management of mental health. Faculty and school staff are often in a position to help students before an official diagnosis has been made. Ensuring that schools and students have access to community mental health professionals and links to get help can be the step that saves a life.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
May 6
2018

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
A student’s graduation from high school is a direct predictor of future success, and dropping out of school can have immense costs for both the student and community at large.
Dropouts by Age, Gender, and Racial/Ethnic Group, School Year 2015/16

Percentage of all dropouts by age:
- Less than 15 yrs.: 3.3%
- 15 years: 12.2%
- 16 years: 21.9%
- 17+: 62.5%

Percentage of all dropouts by gender:
- Female: 38.6%
- Male: 61.4%

Percentage of all dropouts by racial/ethnic group:
- Black: 43.7%
- Hispanic: 21.8%
- White/Other: 33.3%

Source: Delaware Department of Education

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
### Dropout Rates by Racial/Ethnic Group
**School Year 2015/16**

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<td>New Castle County</td>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>0.7</td>
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<td>Kent County</td>
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<td>1.1</td>
<td>1.8</td>
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<td>Sussex County</td>
<td>1.6</td>
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<td>3.5</td>
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**Delaware Average:** 1.4

Source: Delaware Department of Education

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Graduation Rates by Family Income
Delaware Public Schools

Source: Delaware Department of Education

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
In May 2017, Delaware enacted legislation aimed at helping to address the worsening percentage of teens not attending school and not working. HB 23 requires students over 16 who wish to dropout to obtain written consent from their parent or guardian and attend an exit interview to receive information about their lowered income potential/higher likelihood of being unemployed, as well as programs to help them stay enrolled instead of leaving school.
For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Education does not end after high school graduation. The Advanced Placement (AP) Program gives students the opportunity to discover knowledge and explore new subjects that might otherwise remain uncharted in high school curriculums. It allows students to explore subjects in greater depth, preparing them for the rigor of college courses.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Source: Delaware Department of Education

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Girls Inc. of Delaware inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. We provide life-changing programs for girls ages 6-18 throughout the state of Delaware. Our research-based programming is delivered by trained professionals who focus on the development of the whole girl, supporting, mentoring, and guiding girls in an affirming, pro-girl environment.

1 IN 4 GIRLS WILL NOT FINISH HIGH SCHOOL.

FUEL HER FIRE, AND SHE WILL CHANGE THE WORLD.
Advanced Placement Tests Passed
Delaware Compared to U.S.

Source: Delaware Department of Education

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
College Participation
Delaware

Fall Enrollment at Public Degree-Granting Institutions in Thousands

2005 2010 2013 2014

2-Year

4-Year

24,704

38,682

24,934

40,408

13,978

33,100

15,474

24,704

2014

38,211

11,671

24,704

13,978

9,190

2,540

4-Year

2-Year

38,682

40,408

33,100

11,671

Source: College Board Advocacy & Policy Center – Analysis Brief "Trends in Tuition and Fees, Enrollment, and State Appropriations for Higher Education by State"

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
For more information go to: dekidscount.org

Source: http://trends.collegeboard.org/
May 19, 2018

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
May 20, 2018

For more information go to: dekiddscout.org
May 21

FAMILY & COMMUNITY

Just as a good family responds and adapts to the issues facing its children, a good community adjusts to the issues facing the children living and growing in it.

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<td>Children with substantiated reports of abuse and neglect per 1,000 children ages birth to 17</td>
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<td>2011 ...... 11.1</td>
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Neighborhood Amenities

How many children live in neighborhoods that contain certain amenities including parks, recreation centers, sidewalks, or libraries? Delaware, 2011/12

- 4 amenities: 48.5%
- 3 amenities: 48.5%
- 2 amenities: 48.5%
- 1 amenity: 8.8%
- None: 3.9%

Delaware Afterschool Network

A place where all Delaware K-12 youth can access a high-quality learning experience before and after the school day, preparing them for academic success, tomorrow’s workforce, and to become engaged citizens.

2018 Special Events

- We Love Afterschool Valentine Campaign (February 14)
- Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week (April 23-27)
- Afterschool for All Challenge (June 18 and 19)
- Lights On Afterschool (October 25)

Our Mission

To expand and support high-quality out-of-school programs, so that Delaware’s children and youth are safe, supervised, and prepared for leading productive lives.

Our Purpose

The Delaware Afterschool Network is a driving force that develops partnerships, brings stakeholders together, and shares best practices to ensure that affordable, sustainable afterschool, out-of-school, and summer learning programs are available.

Contact: Regina Sidney-Brown, Director
302.573.3743 | rsbrown@uwde.org
Facebook: Delaware Afterschool Network

United Way of Delaware
Funded by Mott Foundation | Administered by United Way of Delaware

www.delawareafterschoolnetwork.org
* Data show that the differences among locations are significant.
Source: Delaware Survey of Children’s Health (DSCH) 2014

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
% of children (ages 0-17) lived in neighborhoods where it is “definitely” safe for them to play outside, by location:

- Delaware: 58.6
- City of Wilmington: 34.8
- New Castle County excluding City of Wilmington: 63.8
- Kent County: 56.0
- Sussex County: 57.8

* Data show that the differences among locations are significant.

Source: Delaware Survey of Children’s Health (DSCH) 2014

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Delaware’s nonprofit sector is a vibrant social and economic force within the state. The sector employs thousands and allows for many families, adults, and children to receive important services. Delaware’s nonprofit sector also provides many opportunities for volunteers to become involved and make a difference within their communities.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
May 26

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
May 27

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
The research is clear that protective factors such as safe, stable, and nurturing relationships, can help to mitigate the long-term impact of ACEs by developing what researchers have deemed “resilience.”
Champions for Children's Mental Health advocates for families with children who have mental or behavioral health issues. Let our family peer support services help you and your family.

Peer Support Providers
Family Partners

This program is funded through the Delaware CARES grant awarded to the State of Delaware. DSCYF by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

www.ChampionsDe.org  302-503-7198
Support
Who gives you a lot of support and encouragement?
Delaware 8th graders, 2016

Source: Delaware School Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware
Supportive Neighborhoods

How many children live in supportive neighborhoods?

Delaware, 2011/12

Children who live in supportive neighborhoods: 83.4%
Children do not who live in supportive neighborhoods: 16.6%

www.childhealthdata.org.
May 31

Creating conditions for child well-being requires creating conditions for family well-being.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
Children have more opportunities to grow up healthy when the community where they live provides strong institutions such as places of worship, small businesses, and parks. Robust communities afford children with positive adult role models and safe places to live, learn, and play.

For more information go to: dekidscount.org
### WHAT WOULD IT TAKE? Delaware 2017

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<td>Children living in households with a high housing cost burden</td>
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<td>Teens not in school and not working (16 – 19 year olds)</td>
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<td><strong>At a rate of 32% Delaware is lower than the U.S. average rate of 33%.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>To equal the #1 rate of 17%, Delaware must reduce the number of children living in households with a high housing cost burden by 39,000.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>At a rate of 8% Delaware is higher than the U.S. average rate of 7% of teens not in school and not working.</strong></td>
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<td>EDUCATION</td>
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<td>Children ages 3 to 4 not attending preschool</td>
<td>2013-2015</td>
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<td>53% or 12,500 children</td>
<td>63%</td>
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<td>Fourth graders not proficient in reading*</td>
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<td>Eighth graders not proficient in math</td>
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<td>70%</td>
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<td>High school students not graduating on time</td>
<td>2014-2015</td>
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<td>14%</td>
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<td><strong>At a rate of 53% Delaware is the same as the U.S. average rate of 53%.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>To equal the #1 rate of 34%, Delaware must reduce the number of children ages 3 to 4 not attending preschool by 4,000.</strong></td>
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<td>Low-birthweight babies</td>
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<td>0.3% or 1,639 babies</td>
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<td>Children without health insurance</td>
<td>2015</td>
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<td>3% or 6,000 children</td>
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<td>Child and teen deaths per 100,000</td>
<td>2015</td>
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<td>22 per 100,000 or 48 deaths</td>
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<td>Teens who abuse alcohol or drugs</td>
<td>2013-2014</td>
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<td>5% or 3,000 teens</td>
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<td><strong>At a rate of 8.1% Delaware is lower than the U.S. average rate of 9.1% of low-birthweight babies by 154.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>To equal the #1 rate of 5.8%, Delaware must reduce the number of low-birthweight babies by 360.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>At a rate of 9% Delaware is lower than the U.S. average rate of 9% of children without health insurance.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>To equal the #1 rate of 1%, Delaware must reduce the number of children without health insurance by 4,000.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Delaware is lower than the U.S. average rate of 25 per 100,000.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>To equal the #1 rate of 15 per 100,000, Delaware must reduce the number of child and teen deaths by 15.</strong></td>
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<td>Children in single-parent families</td>
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<td>40% or 77,000 children</td>
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<td>Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma</td>
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<td>11% or 23,000 children</td>
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<td>Children living in high-poverty areas</td>
<td>2011-2015</td>
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<td>9% or 16,000 children</td>
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<td>Teen births per 1,000</td>
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<td>15 per 1,000 or 540 births</td>
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<td><strong>At a rate of 30% Delaware must reduce the number of children in single-parent families by 8,615.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>To equal the #1 rate of 19%, Delaware must reduce the number of children in single-parent families by 43,000.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Delaware is lower than the U.S. average rate of 14% of children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>To equal the #1 rate of 4%, Delaware must reduce the number of children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma by 15,000.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>At a rate of 5% Delaware is lower than the U.S. average rate of 22 per 1,000 teen births.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>To equal the #1 rate of 9 per 1,000, Delaware must reduce the number of teen births by 270.</strong></td>
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While parents, families, and communities play key roles in nurturing the children in their care, state and federal policymakers enact the laws and allocate the resources that shape the environment in which children and their families live, learn, play, and grow.

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As we build the next generation, we must start with data to target investments that will have the largest impact. Throughout June, we’ll spotlight recent policy wins in the state and highlight additional policy opportunities which would strengthen opportunity for children and their families.

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June 5

Health Policy Spotlight:
There is no cure for HPV infections—a virus known to cause various cancers in both men and women. However, there is a vaccine available. In Delaware, only 51.7% of girls aged 13-15 have received the recommended full 3 doses of the vaccine and just 18.1% of Delaware boys are vaccinated.
June 6

Wednesday

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Health Policy Spotlight:

Delaware’s Division of Public Health provides materials on the dangers of substance abuse while pregnant, how to screen pregnant women for potential addiction, and how to connect them with treatment. Find out more at www.helpisherede.com

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June 7

Health Policy Spotlight:
In an attempt to reduce the incidence of brain injuries to minors, Senate Bill 105 was passed in 2017 requiring that youth under the age of 18 wear a helmet when operating, or the passenger of, a bicycle, motorized skateboard or scooter, ATV, off-highway vehicle, or electric personal assistive mobility device.
Research has shown that children who read over the summer perform better when they return to school in the fall and are able to retain and even improve upon reading skills learned during the past year.

Reading to your child in the early years gives them a jump-start!

Sign up online or in person at your Delaware Public Library Starting June 2018
Health Policy Spotlight:
The City of Wilmington’s 270 non-union employees will now be able to use up to 20 days of paid leave when they or their spouse or partner give birth or adopt a child who is six years of age or younger, fostering bonding between children and their parents.

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June 9, 2018

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June 10

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Since most children attend schools they live near, patterns of residential segregation and poverty concentration are reflected in the racial, ethnic, and economic makeup of schools and districts. Decades of policy choices and individual behavior have led to the concentration of children of color and low-income families in certain schools and districts. Students in high-poverty schools are more likely to face out-of-school challenges—including housing instability, food insecurity, and lack of access to health care—which research shows is connected to academic readiness, test performance, and educational achievement.

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According to the Rodel Foundation, state “financial challenges could lead to the unraveling of Delaware Stars, which supports and incentivizes the quality [early education] we know produces the best results for children. Most programs cannot shoulder the financial reality of providing service for Purchase of Care children without tiered reimbursement.”

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**Education Policy Spotlight:**

To strengthen public education funding, Delaware might consider revamping the revenue base supporting public education at both state and local levels, including property reassessment and adjustments in the allocation system to fully address the needs of low-income students, English language learners, and other students at risk.

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Delaware is one of only four states that does not provide additional education funding for English learners, meaning districts and charters must cobble together other funding to meet legal requirements for serving this group of students. Dedicated funds for EL students could help districts and charters provide a wide array of services, including hiring additional certified instructors. Check out http://bit.ly/ELsInDE for more information on our EL students.
Education Policy Spotlight: In Delaware, nearly 9,000 students are enrolled in a statewide initiative called Delaware Pathways, which is designed to provide college and career preparation for youth. The program allows high school students to develop needed skills, get real work experience, earn college credit, and gain industry-recognized credentials that prepare them for postsecondary education or employment when they graduate. At the same time, participating businesses are developing a strong local workforce of the future by helping students gain the knowledge and skills needed to be job-ready upon graduation.

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Delaware should be a place where a child’s beginnings, however humble, do not limit life’s path. Poverty is the single greatest threat to a child’s well-being.

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Economic Policy Spotlight:
The Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is one of the nation’s most effective anti-poverty programs for working families. Delaware could enrich it’s state level EITC policy by offering a refundable credit. Federal and state EITC policies serve many public policy goals including reducing child poverty, increasing the incentive to work, stabilizing income, and spurring consumption.

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June 20

Economic Policy Spotlight:
The WONDER program, funded through a USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment & Training pilot program, is designed to promote long-term self-sufficiency and independence by preparing SNAP recipients for employment through work-related education and training activities. The Delaware WONDER program enrolls SNAP recipients into one of four career tracks: construction, manufacturing, culinary arts, or broad-based job skills.

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June 21

Economic Policy Spotlight:
Delaware’s Statewide Emergency Repair Program addresses emergency conditions threatening the health and safety of qualified Delaware owner-occupants and household members by providing emergency home repairs so that families can remain in their homes.

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Economic Policy Spotlight:
In Delaware, Purchase of Care (POC) is a service that provides support for families with children to enable the caretaker to hold a job, obtain training, or meet the special needs of the parent or child. The service is based on income eligibility and serves families with children from infancy through age twelve.

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June 23

Saturday

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KIDS COUNT in Delaware wants to see our state provide meaningful and abundant opportunities for every child. For that vision to be realized, children’s risks and opportunities in life should not be dictated by their gender, ZIP code, family income, race, or ethnicity.

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Family/Community Policy Spotlight:
Policies that encourage families to build assets can support child well-being. In 2017, two bills were passed focused on family asset building. HB 31 authorizes the use of “prize-linked” savings accounts to promote savings among low-income residents and first-time savers and HB 11 removes the prohibition against receipt of TANF funds to people convicted of drug felonies as long as the person is otherwise eligible for TANF.

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June 27

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Committee Meetings

Family/Community Policy Spotlight:
www.HelpIsHereDE.com is a centralized online resource for addiction prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery information. The website provides support to people struggling with addiction, as well as their families, communities, and medical providers.

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**Family/Community Policy Spotlight:**

In response to the CDC’s 2015 youth violence study in Wilmington, a Community Advisory Council developed Accelerating Youth Violence Prevention and Positive Development: A Call to Action which makes policy recommendations to curb the public health crisis of youth violence. Recommendations include connection building, intervention, and service integration. Read more at http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/communityadvisorycouncilfinalreport.pdf

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Family/Community Policy Spotlight:
To protect children, we need to improve the environmental health systems in communities throughout Delaware, giving everyone the opportunity to live free from environmental threats. An interesting example of work in this area is the Delaware Cancer Consortium’s partnership with state agencies, such as DNREC’s Division of Air Quality. The purpose of this initiative is to learn more about the possible health risks of ambient exposure to toxins, promote the exchange of useful information to Delawareans, understand where risks can be avoided, and provide information from which proactive decisions and good policies can be developed. Learn more at www.healthydelaware.org/Consortium/About

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Delaware children are in an increasingly diverse cohort and targeting policy to varied needs simultaneously is a challenge. However, the payoffs—both economically and morally—are well worth the work.

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We humbly thank you for joining us this year. Thank you Delaware!

Enjoy Your Summer!

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