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Tuesday 1st Day

January 9

2018

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
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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.

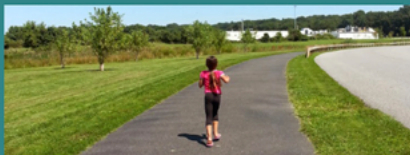
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**News, Research, and Policy information
August 2017**

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.



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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.



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

County	Total Population				Children			
	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	White	Hispanic	Black	Other
New Castle	59.8%	9.2%	23.6%	7.4%	48.8%	14.2%	28.6%	14.1%
Kent	63.7%	6.5%	23.4%	6.3%	55.5%	9.5%	27.4%	12.3%
Sussex	74.8%	9.2%	12.4%	3.6%	58.5%	17.8%	17.0%	12.5%
Wilmington	29.0%	13.2%	54.8%	3.3%	12.4%	18.9%	67.8%	9.8%
Delaware	63.9%	8.7%	21.1%	6.3%	51.5%	14.3%	25.7%	13.5%

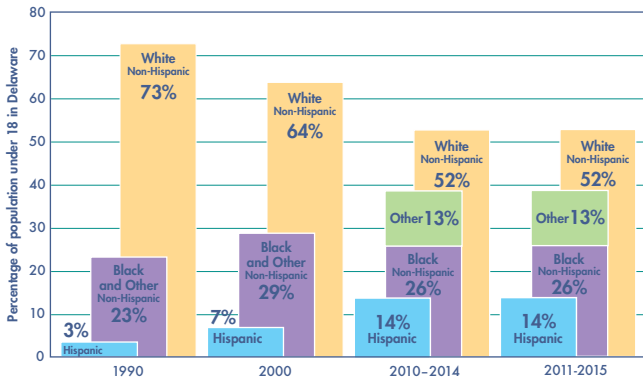
*Note: Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

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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**.



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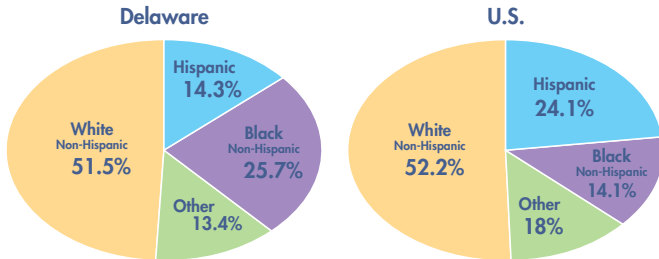


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Delaware Child Population Compared to U.S.

by Race/Hispanic Origin, 2011–2015



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.

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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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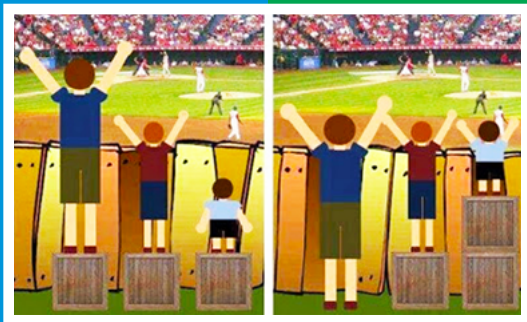
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This year, KIDS COUNT in Delaware is highlighting Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Look for icons identifying ACE indicators, ACE-related hardships, possible risk outcomes and actions throughout the calendar

**ACES****Hardships****Outcomes****Actions**

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FAIR Does Not Always Mean EQUAL



EQUAL

FAIR

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

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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.htmrwjf.org/aces>

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Possible Risk Outcomes

Behavior



Lack of Physical Activity



Smoking



Alcoholism



Drug Use



Missed Work

Physical and Mental Health



Severe Obesity



Diabetes



Depression



Suicide Attempts



STDs



Heart Disease



Cancer



Stroke



COPD



Broken Bones

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

Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation <http://www.cdc.gov/ace/prevalence.htmrwf.org/aces>

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



Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation <http://www.cdc.gov/ace/prevalence.htmrwjf.org/aces>

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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?



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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

2014-2016.....1-PARENT \$29,589
2-PARENT \$92,887

IMPROVED

2009-2011.....1-PARENT \$27,212
2-PARENT \$85,950

CHILDREN IN POVERTY

PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN (0-17) IN POVERTY

2014-2016.....18.5%

WORSENER

2009-2011.....16.9%

ECONOMIC INCLUSION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PERCENTAGE OF TEENS (16-19) NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL AND NOT WORKING

2014-2016.....8.8%

WORSENER

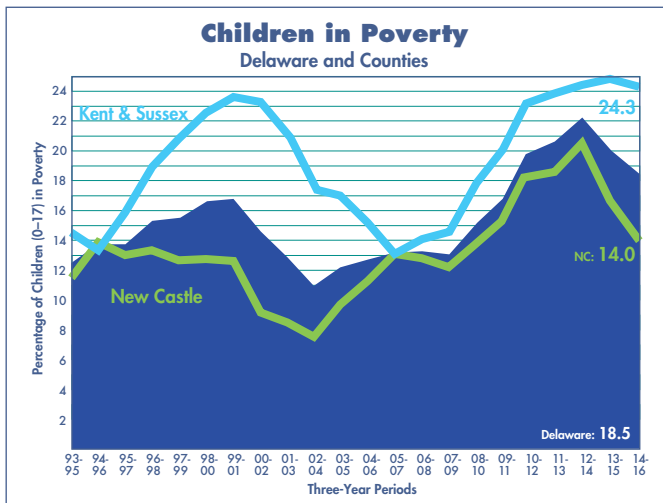
2009-2011.....8.4%



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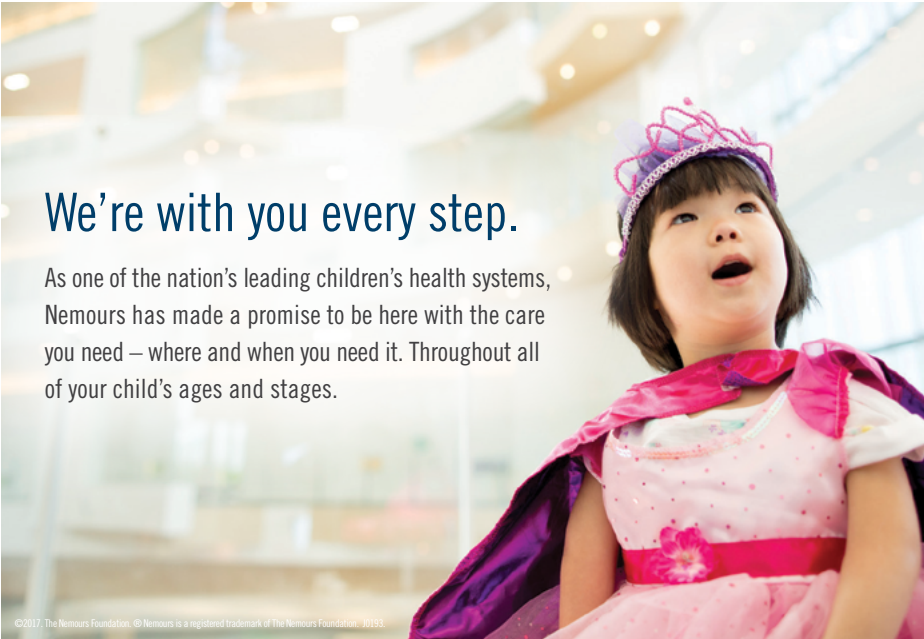
Kent and Sussex County data are not available separately.

Source: Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research

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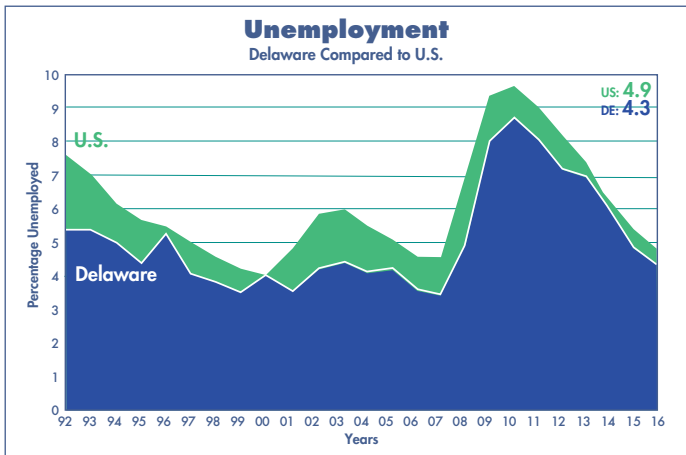
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Sources: Delaware Department of Labor and U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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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.



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Understanding dynamics of family employment is a key way for Delaware to estimate household income



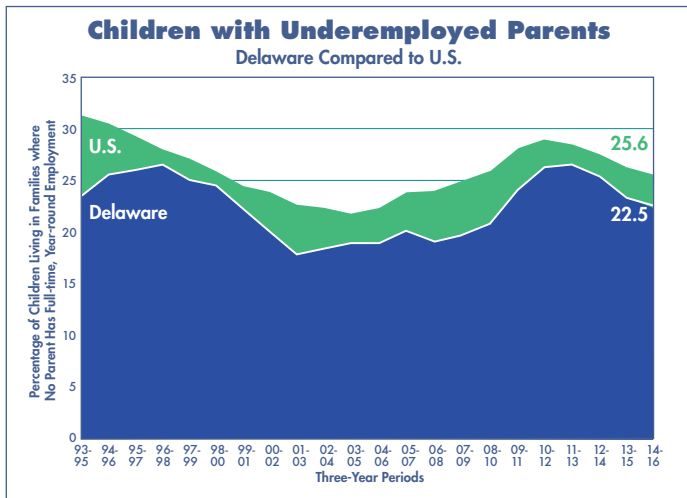
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Source: Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware

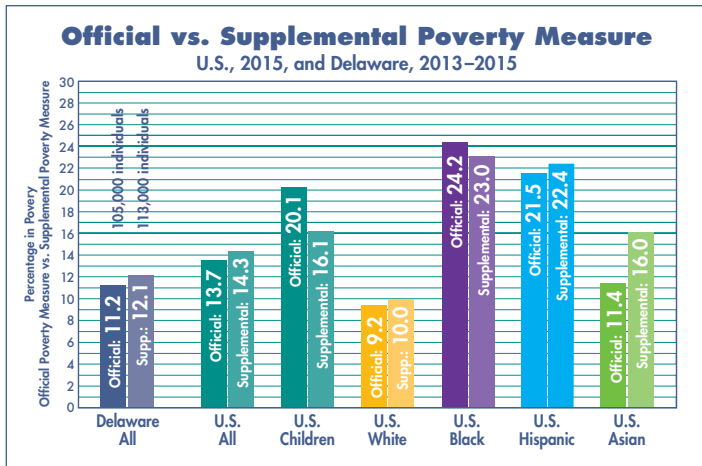
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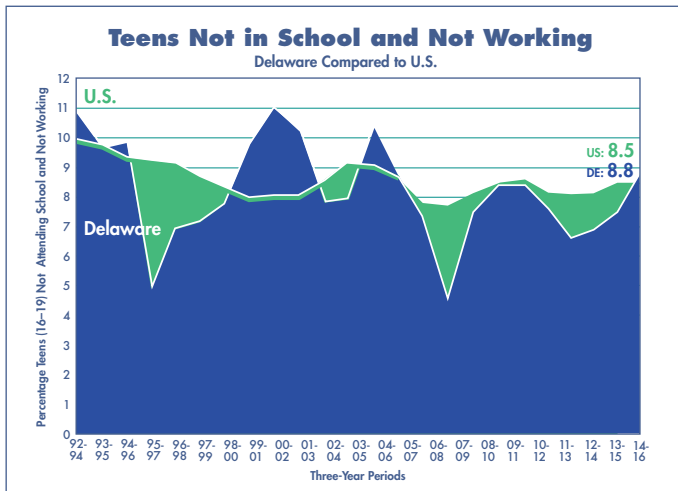
Source: U.S. Census Current Population Survey

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

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EMPOWERING AT-RISK YOUTH
WITH SKILLS FOR LIFE

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.

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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



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Reducating 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



The Annie E. Casey Foundation

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Reducing 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.



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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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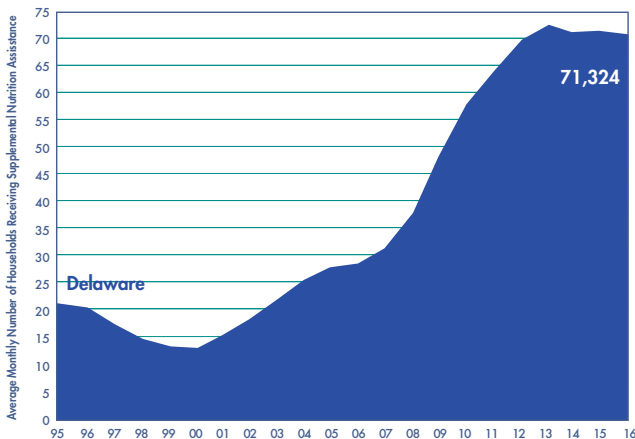
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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Delaware



Source: Delaware Health and Social Services

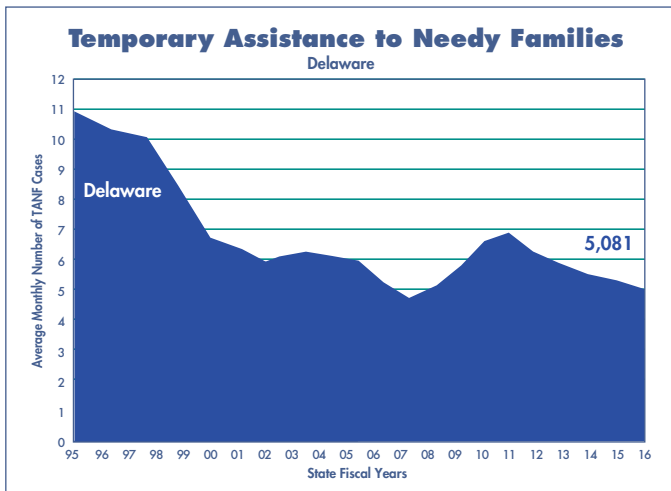
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Source: Delaware Health and Social Services

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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

2010-2014.....8.5%

IMPROVED

2005-2009.....9.0%

INFANT MORTALITY

DEATHS OF INFANTS LESS THAN
1 YEAR OLD PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS

2010-2014.....7.5

IMPROVED

2005-2009.....8.3

CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE

PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN (0-17)
WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE

2014-2016.....5.6%

IMPROVED

2009-2011.....8.0%



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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.



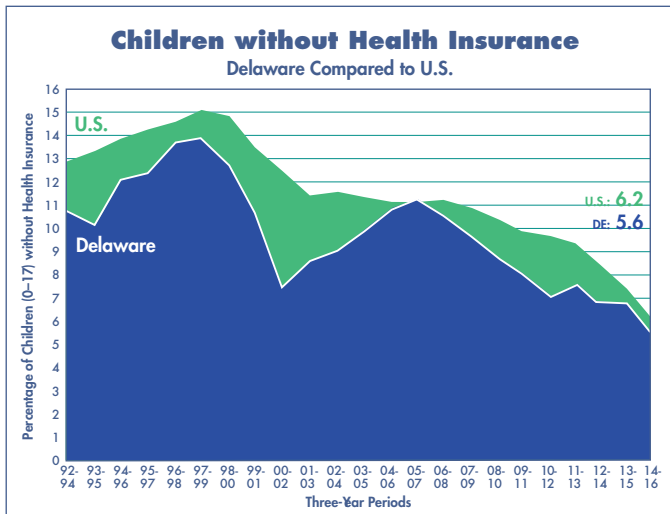
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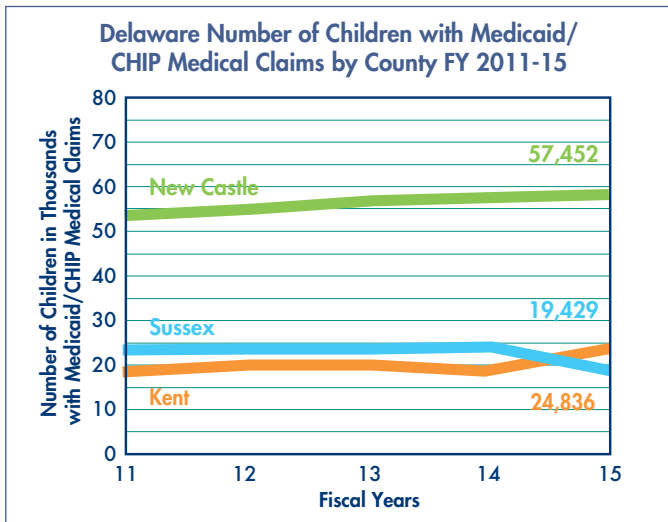
Pediatric Neurology

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**.



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

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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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Building Stronger Kids One Step at a Time!



Web: www.dethrives.com/help-me-grow
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A healthy start begins with prenatal health and the well-being of a child's mother.

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children's
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all babies cry

tried and
true tips for
comforting your
newborn (and yourself)

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!

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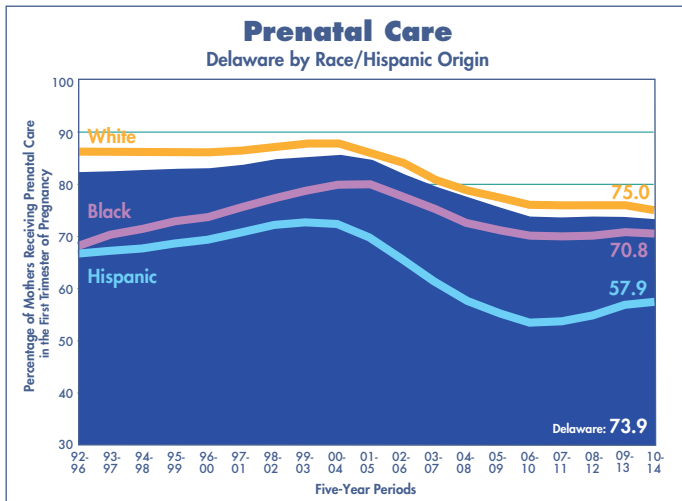
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OF CHILD DEATHS



Brought to you by the Children's Trust, in partnership with the CDRC, and supported by funding from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families, Community-Based Grants for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

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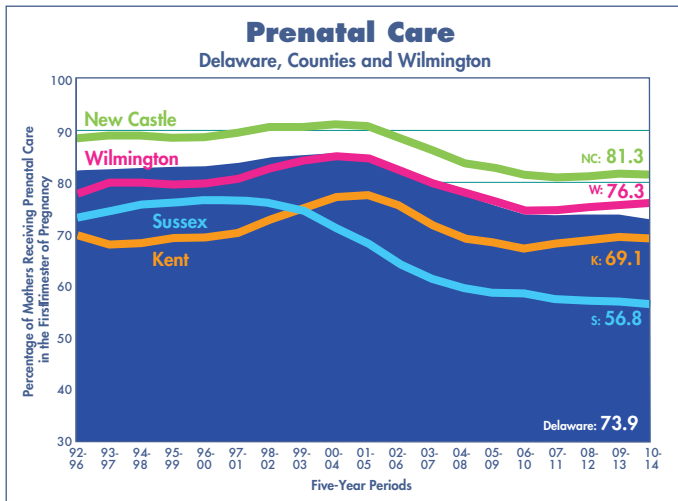


Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

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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!



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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>



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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.



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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.

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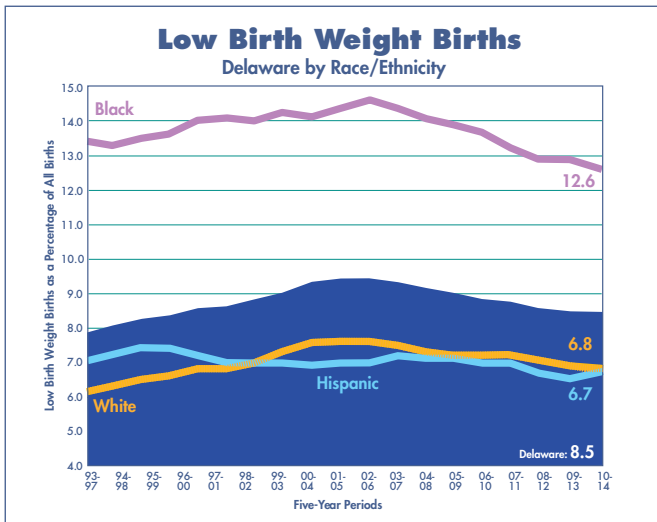
Did you know that twelve infants died in 2016 from unsafe infant sleeping in the State of Delaware?



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Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

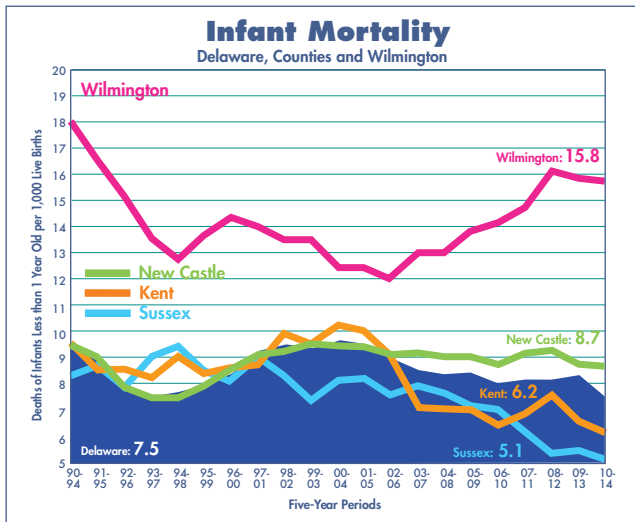
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Note: Infant Mortality Rate – number of deaths occurring in the first year of life per 1,000 live births

Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

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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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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.



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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.



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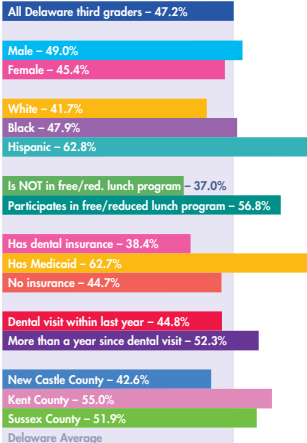


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Decay Experience

Percentage of 3rd graders
with tooth decay experience
Delaware, 2012



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

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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.

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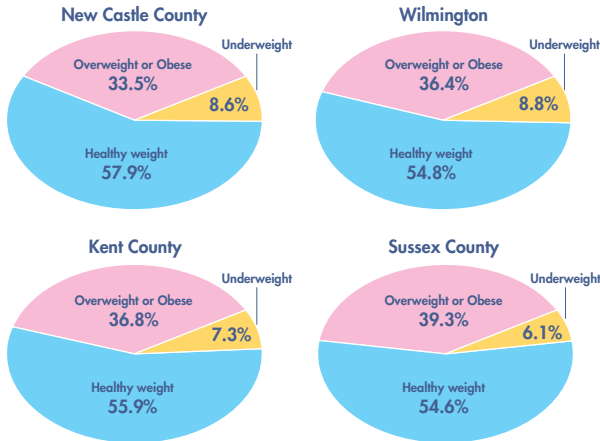
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Weight Classification of Children Ages 2-17 Delaware Counties and Wilmington, 2014



Source: Nemours Health & Prevention Services

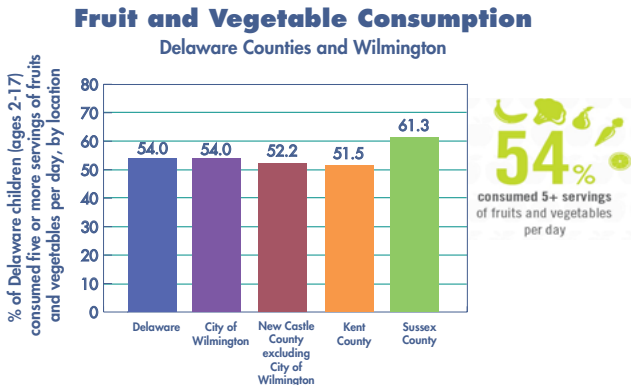
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Source: Delaware Survey of Children's Health (DSCH) 2014

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QUICK REFUNDS!!!

January 16, 2018 - April 17, 2018

- ⇒ Get a Prepaid Visa Debit Card
- ⇒ Open a Bank Account
- ⇒ Buy a Savings Bond

For Taxpayers With Household Incomes:

at **\$57,000** or less with dependents

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FOR SITE LOCATIONS/HOURS:

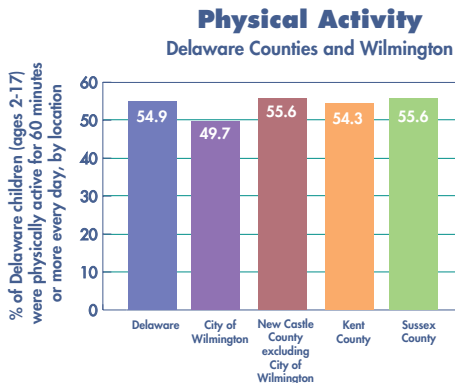
CALL Delaware **2-1-1**

or

VISIT www.nehemiahgateway.org

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

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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.

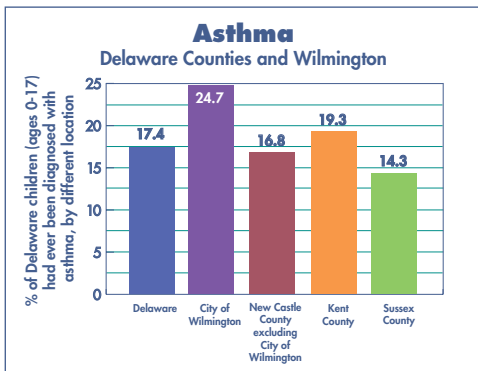


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Delawareans deserve healthy environments no matter where they live. Because children's growing brains and bodies are more susceptible to toxins in the environment than adults, the presence of environmental hazards can have a critical role in a child's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



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



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Policy Win

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.

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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.



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Teen Lifestyle Choices Delaware High School Students Grades 9–12, 2015



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

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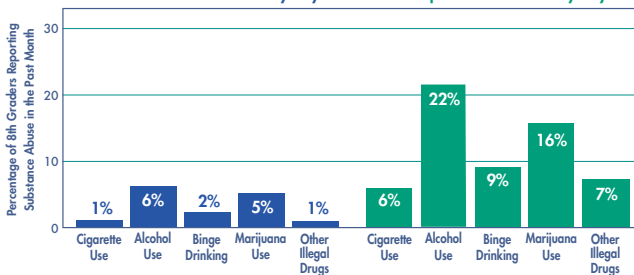


Teen Substance Abuse and Relationship to Parents

Delaware, 2016

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

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



Source: Delaware School Survey, Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware
http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/pdf/trends/us_drug_trend_yrbs.pdf

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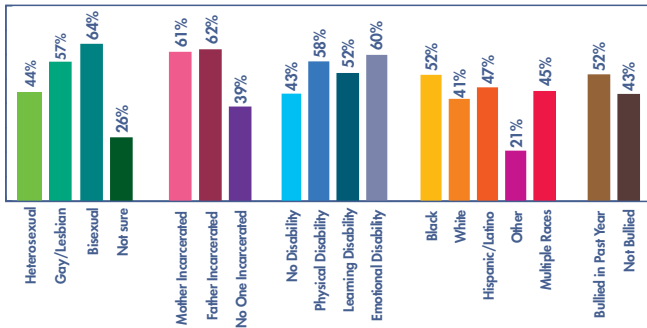


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Teen Sexual Activity

Delaware High School Students Grades 9-12
Have you ever had sexual intercourse?



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

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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.



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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.

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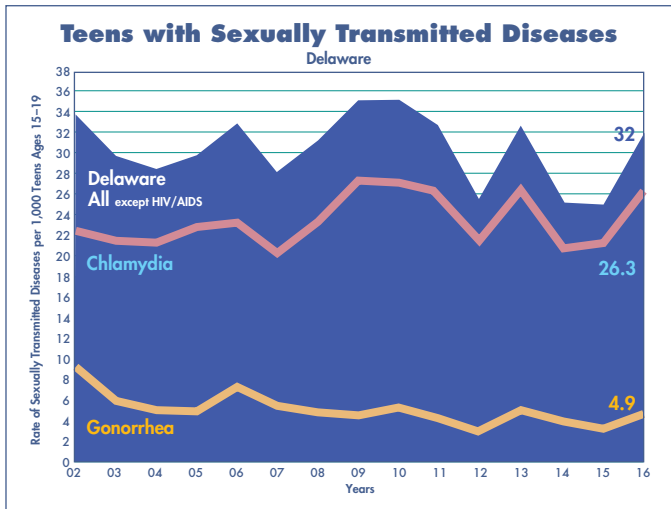


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Source: STD Program, Delaware Division of Public Health

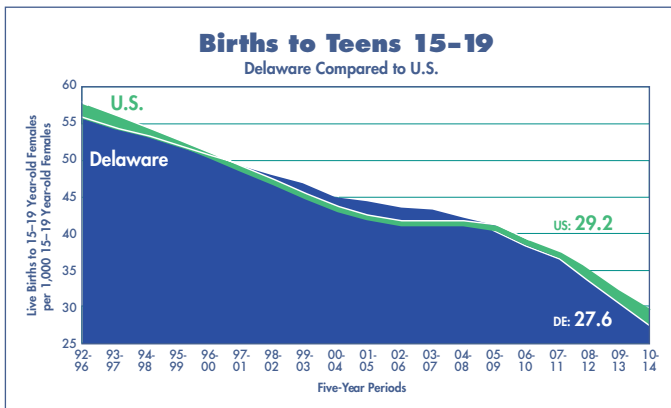
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Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

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Women's Health Nurse Navigator

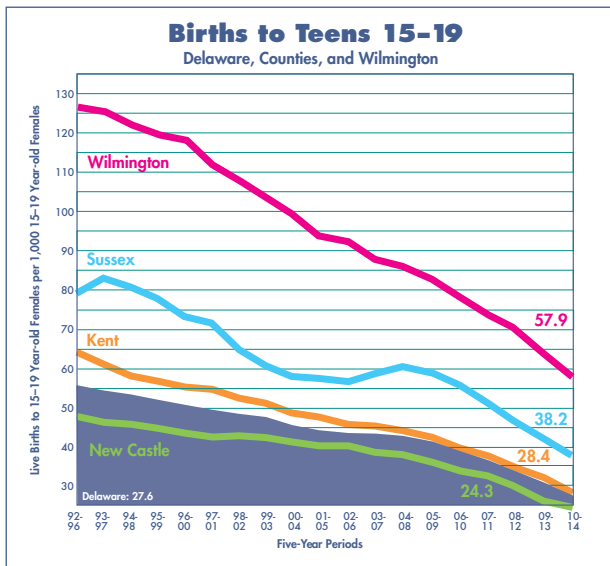
Beebe Healthcare wants to Be There for the women in our community. Our Women's Health Nurse Navigator Carrie Snyder, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, can answer questions and provide information you need to live your healthiest life. *Have questions about mammography? Need a physician? Curious about services Beebe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



424 Savannah Road
Lewes, DE 19958

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Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center

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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.



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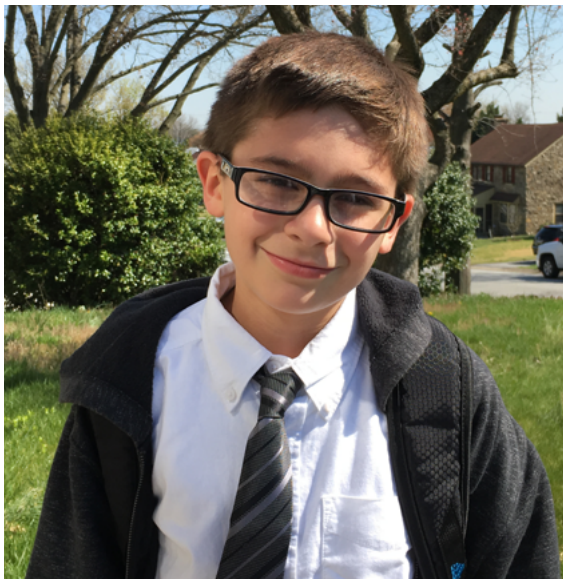
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Child abuse is the maltreatment or neglect of a child that results in any non-accidental harm or injury. Abuse comes in a number of forms of maltreatment including physical and emotional abuse or neglect, verbal abuse, and sexual abuse. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.



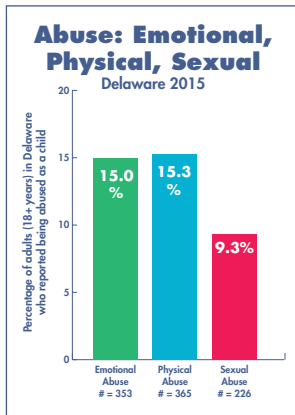
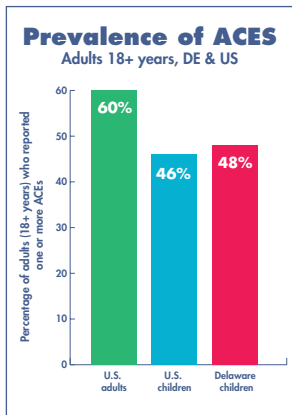
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ACEs Reported by Adults 18 + years in Delaware & U.S.



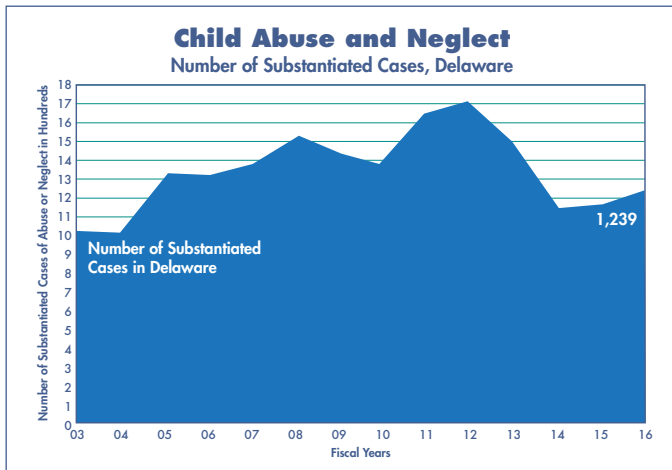
Source: 2015 Delaware Household Health Survey,
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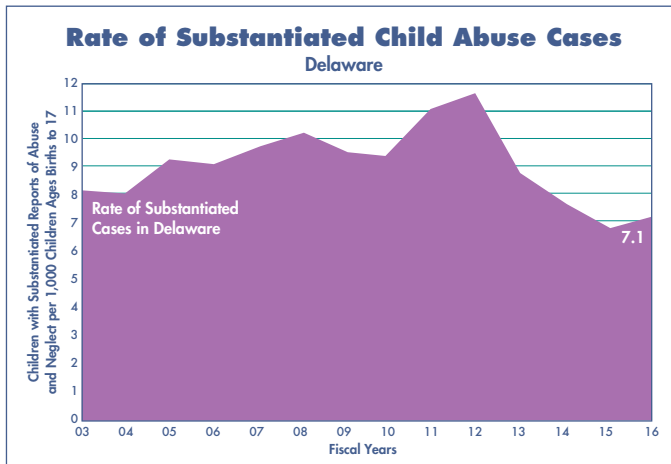
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Source: Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

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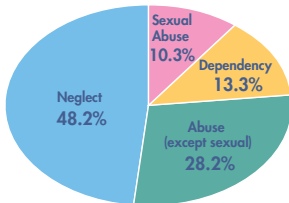
Source: Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

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Types of Abuse and Neglect

Delaware, Fiscal Year 2016



Types of Abuse and Neglect	Number of Substantiated Cases
Abuse (except sexual)	349
Neglect	597
Sexual Abuse	128
Dependency	165
Total Substantiated Cases:	1,239

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



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April 6

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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.



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Happy World Health Day!



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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.



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Domestic violence is often in response to the culmination of the various stressors a family experiences.

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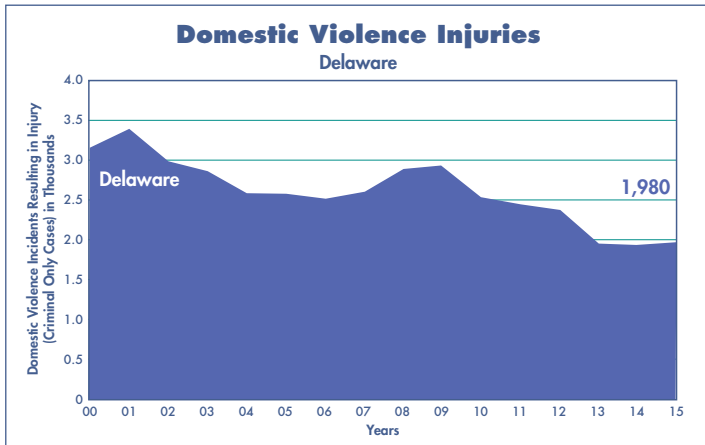


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Note: **Domestic Violence** – The defendant or victim in a family violence case may be male or female, child or adult, or may be of the same sex. Family violence is any criminal offense or violation involving the threat of physical injury or harm; 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



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April is
Child Abuse
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Month



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

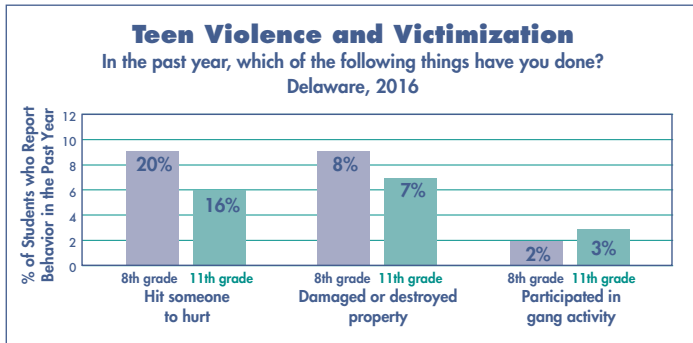


Prevent Child Abuse
Delaware™

info@pcadelaware.org
www.pcadelaware.org
(302) 425-7490

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



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Partnership for Healthy Communities

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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



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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.



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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





Delaware Association for the
Education of Young Childrer

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

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"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 40 quality points through their 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

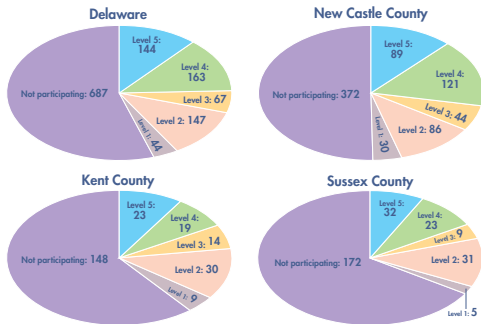
of the ERS assessments for their program and earn at least 60 quality points through the verification of quality standards.

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.

Delaware's Stars for Early Success

Delaware and Counties, January 2016

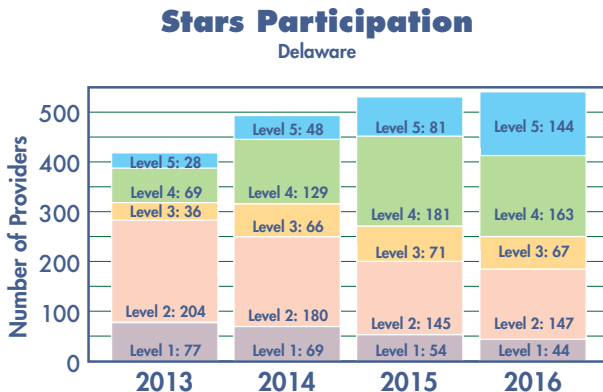


Source: The Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood



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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.



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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.



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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.



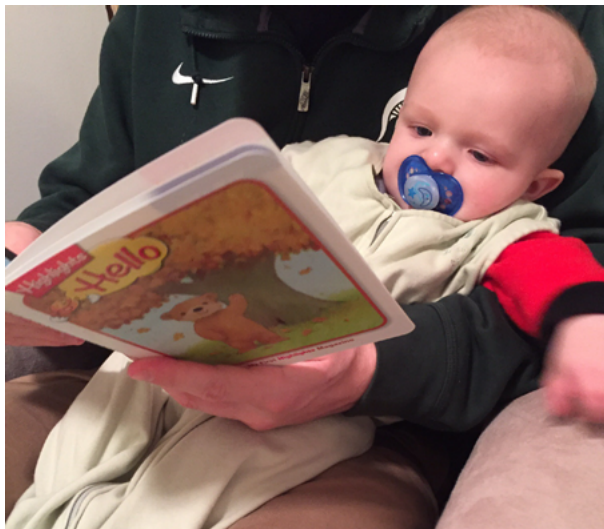
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**EDUCATIONAL
INVOLVEMENT &
ACHIEVEMENT**

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

GRADUATION RATES

PERCENTAGE OF JUNE GRADUATES
COMPARED TO THE 9TH GRADE CLASS
FOUR YEARS PREVIOUS

2015-2016.....84.7%

IMPROVED

2010-2011.....79.0%

**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.

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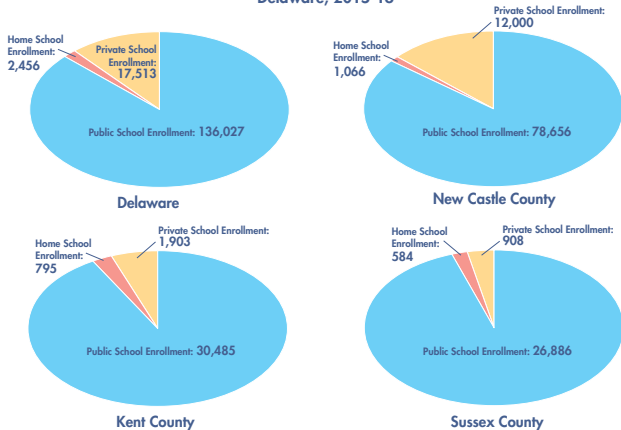
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Public and Nonpublic School Enrollment by State and County Delaware, 2015-16



Source: Delaware Department of Education

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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.



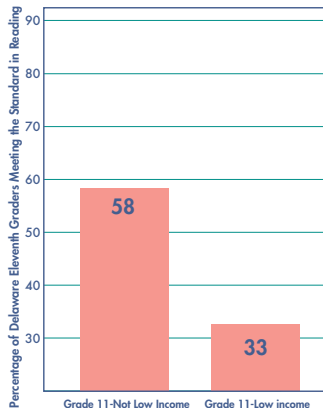
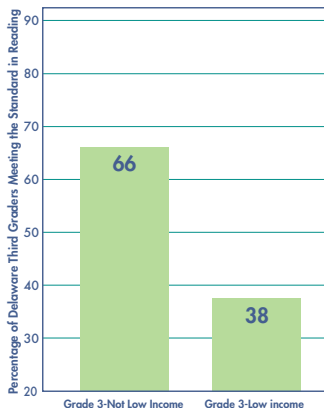
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Public Education*

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Reading Proficiency by Family Income

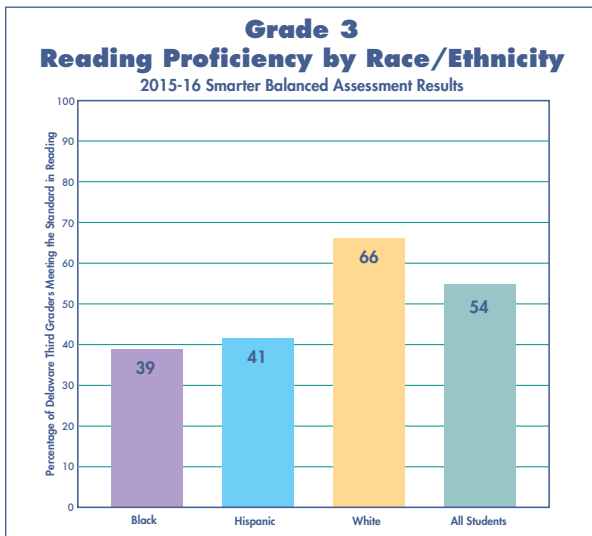
2015-16 Delaware Testing, 3rd and 11th Grade Reading by Family Income



Source: Delaware Department of Education

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Notes: "All" includes Native American and Asian.

Source: Delaware Department of Education

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Friday

April 27

2018



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

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Saturday

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2018

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.



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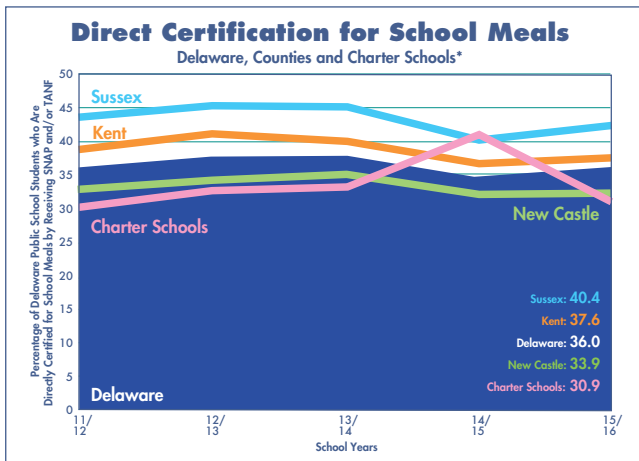
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Delaware provides a healthy diet to 36 percent of public school students through the federal National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs. In the 2015-2016 school year, Delaware was the third state in a nation for overall adoption of the Community 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.



2018
May 1



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

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"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.ymcade.org.



May 2

2018

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.

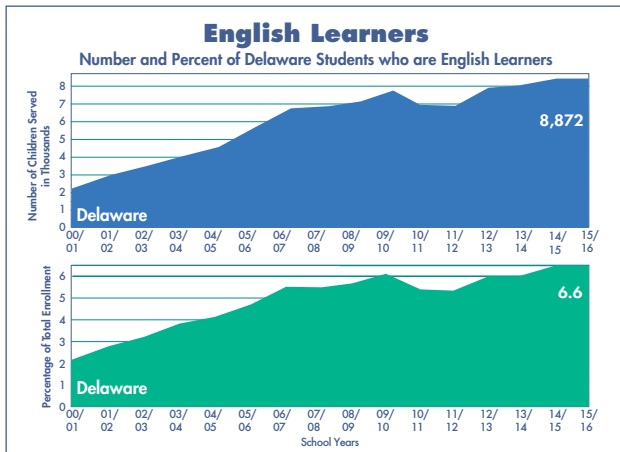


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Notes: **English Learner** – an individual who was not born in the U.S. or whose native language is a language other than English; or is a Native American or Alaskan Native and comes from an environment where a language other than English has had a significant impact on such individual's level of English language proficiency; or an individual who has sufficient difficulty speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language and whose difficulties may deny such individual the opportunity to learn successfully in classrooms where the language of instruction is English. Number served is the count of students enrolled on April 1. The total of children served per year is higher.

Source: Delaware Department of Education

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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.

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May 5

2018

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.



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Monday

May 7

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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.

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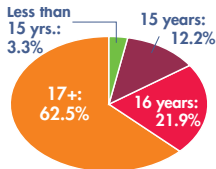
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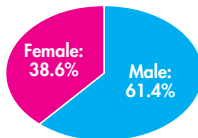
Dropouts

by Age, Gender, and Racial/Ethnic Group, School Year 2015/16

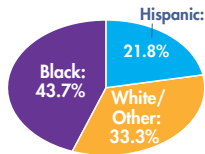
Percentage of all dropouts by age



Percentage of all dropouts by gender



Percentage of all dropouts by racial/ethnic group



Source: Delaware Department of Education



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Dropout Rates

by Racial/Ethnic Group
School Year 2015/16

Delaware

All - 1.4

White/Other - 0.9

Hispanic - 2.2

Black - 1.9

New Castle County

All - 1.3

White/Other - 0.7

Hispanic - 1.8

Black - 2.0

Kent County

All - 1.3

White/Other - 1.1

Hispanic - 1.8

Black - 1.5

Sussex County

All - 1.6

White/Other - 1.0

Hispanic - 3.5

Black - 2.1

Delaware Average: 1.4



Source: Delaware Department of Education

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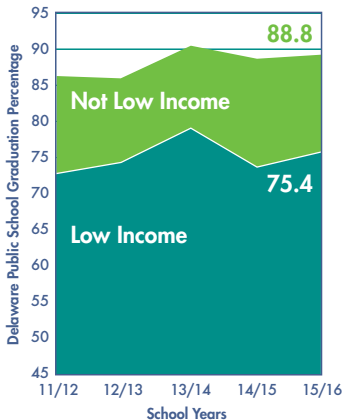
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Graduation Rates by Family Income

Delaware Public Schools



Source: Delaware Department of Education



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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.



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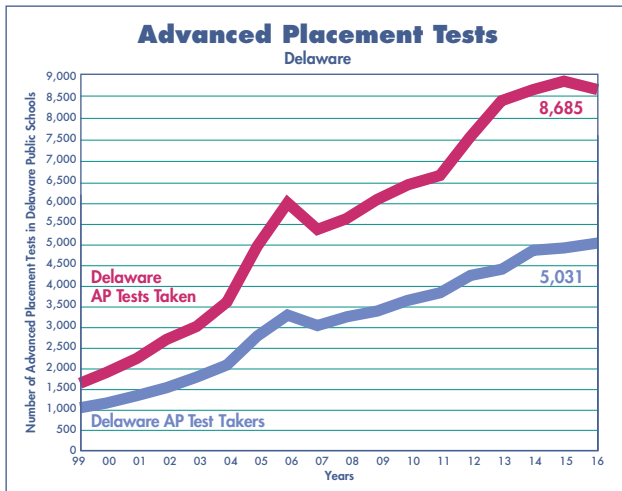
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Education does not end after high school graduation. The Advanced Placement (AP) Program gives students the opportunity to discover knowledge and explore new subjects that might otherwise remain uncharted in high school curriculums. It allows students to explore subjects in greater depth, preparing them for the rigor of college courses.



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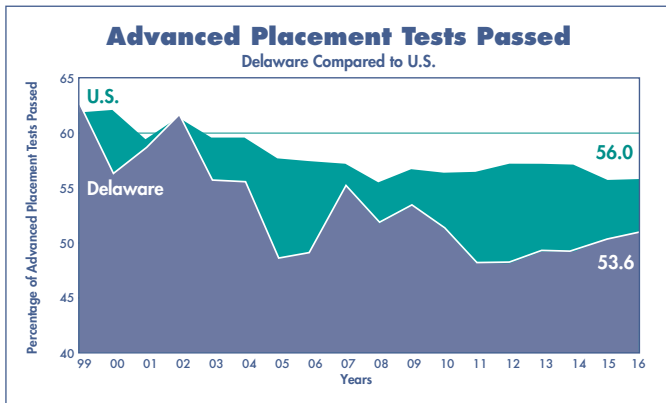
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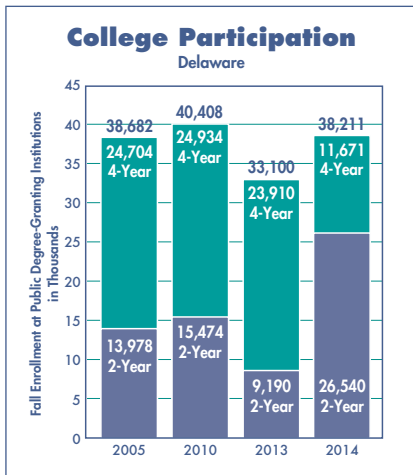


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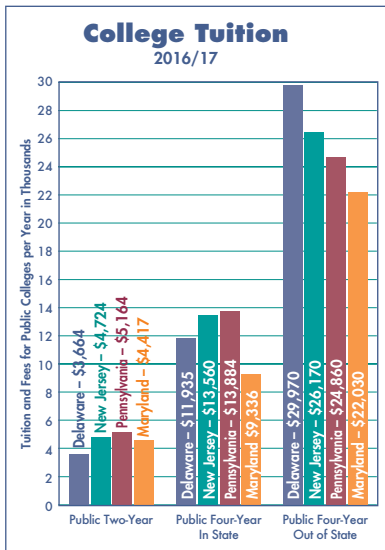
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Source: College Board Advocacy & Policy Center – Analysis Brief “Trends in Tuition and Fees, Enrollment, and State Appropriations for Higher Education by State

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Source: <http://trends.collegeboard.org/>

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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.

TEEN BIRTHS

LIVE BIRTHS TO 15-19 YEAR-OLD FEMALES
PER 1,000 15-19 YEAR-OLD FEMALES

2010-2014.....27.6

IMPROVED

2005-2009.....41.1

CHILDREN IN ONE-PARENT FAMILIES

PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN (0-17) IN
ONE-PARENT FAMILIES

2014-2016.....35.2%

IMPROVED

2009-2011.....36.6%

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT

CHILDREN WITH SUBSTANTIATED REPORTS OF
ABUSE AND NEGLECT PER 1,000 CHILDREN
AGES BIRTH TO 17

2016.....7.1

IMPROVED

2011.....11.1



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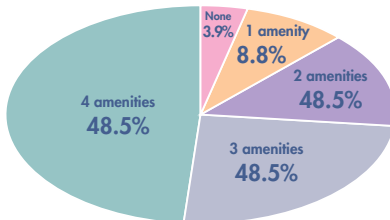
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Neighborhood Amenities

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

Delaware, 2011/12



Source: National Survey of Children's Health. NSCH 2011/12.
www.childhealthdata.org.

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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.



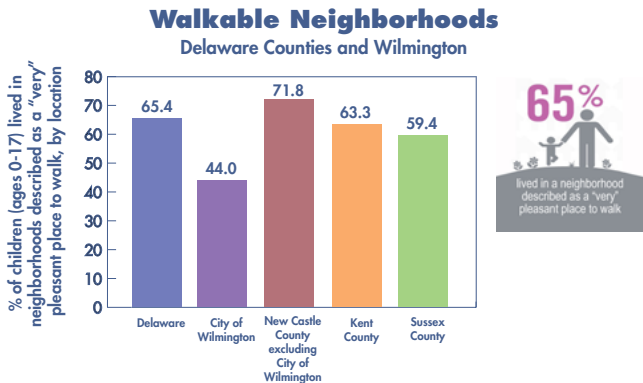
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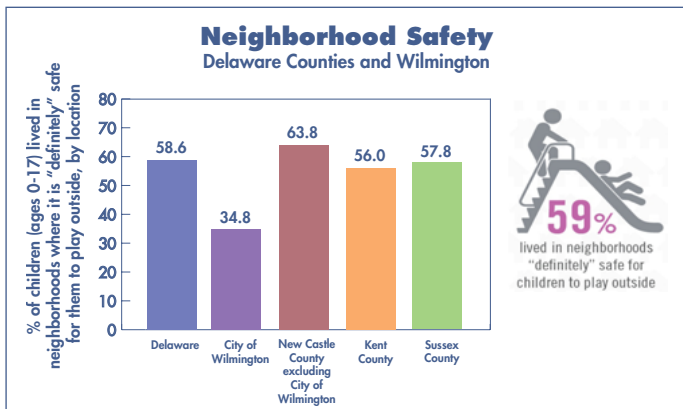
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* Data show that the differences among locations are significant.
Source: Delaware Survey of Children's Health (DSCH) 2014

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



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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.



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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.”



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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.



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Family Partners

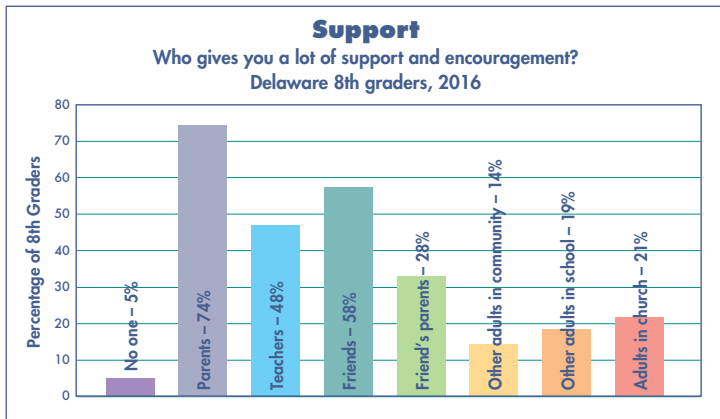
This program is funded through the Delaware CARES grant awarded to the State of Delaware. DSCYF by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

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

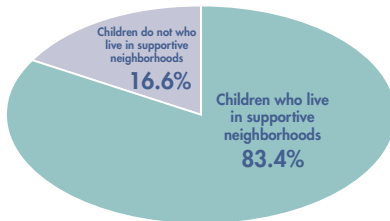
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Supportive Neighborhoods

How many children live in supportive neighborhoods?
Delaware, 2011/12



Source: National Survey of Children's Health. NSCH 2011/12.
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Creating conditions for child well-being requires creating conditions for family well-being.



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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.

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














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Connecting
the dots:How Can
Delaware
Move
Forward?

WHAT WOULD IT TAKE?		Delaware 2017		NATIONAL OVERALL RANK 23
 ECONOMIC WELL-BEING		Domain Rank 29		
 Children in poverty 2015 19% or 36,000 children	 Children whose parents lack secure employment 2015 28% or 58,000 children	 Children living in households with a high housing cost burden 2015 32% or 65,000 children	Teens not in school and not working (16 - 19 year olds) 2015 8% or 4,000 children	
At a rate of 19% Delaware is lower than the U.S. average rate of 21%.	At a rate of 28% Delaware is slightly lower than the U.S. average rate of 33%.	At a rate of 32% Delaware is lower than the U.S. average rate of 33%.	At a rate of 8% Delaware is higher than the U.S. average rate of 7% of teens not in school and not working.	
To equal the #1 rate of 11%, Delaware must reduce the number of children in poverty by 17,000.	To equal the #1 rate of 20% Delaware must reduce the number of children whose parents lack secure employment by 17,000.	To equal the #1 rate of 17%, Delaware must reduce the number of children living in households with a high housing cost burden by 30,000.	To equal the #1 rate of 4%, Delaware must reduce the number of teens not in school and not working by 2,000.	
 EDUCATION		Domain Rank 23		
 Children ages 3 to 4 not attending preschool 2013-2015 53% or 12,000 children	 Fourth graders not proficient in reading* 2015 63%	 Eighth graders not proficient in math* 2015 76%	High school students not graduating on time 2014-15 14%	
At a rate of 53% Delaware is the same as the U.S. average rate of 53%.	At a rate of 63% Delaware is lower than the U.S. average rate of 69%. The #1 ranked state has a rate of 56%.	At a rate of 76% Delaware is higher than the U.S. average rate of 68%. The #1 ranked state has a rate of 49%.	The U.S. average rate of high school students not graduating on time is 17%. The #1 ranked state has a rate of just 6%.	
To equal the #1 rate of 34%, Delaware must reduce the number of children ages 3 to 4 not attending preschool by 4,000.	*Calculations of event reduction data for this measure are not available based on a methodology for calculating population (i) which is not replicable publicly.	*Calculations of event reduction data for this measure are not available based on a methodology for calculating population (i) which is not replicable publicly.	*Calculations of event reduction data for this measure are not available based on a methodology for calculating population (i) which is not replicable publicly.	
 HEALTH		Domain Rank 14		
 Low birthweight babies 2015 9.3% or 1,636 babies	 Children without health insurance 2015 3% or 6,000 children	 Child and teen deaths per 100,000 2015 22 per 100,000 or 48 deaths	Teens who abuse alcohol or drugs 2013-14 5% or 3,000 teens	
To equal the U.S. average rate of 8.1%, Delaware must reduce the number of low-birthweight babies by 134.	At a rate of 3% Delaware is lower than the U.S. average rate of 5% of children without health insurance.	Delaware is lower than the U.S. average rate of 25 per 100,000.	At a rate of 5% Delaware is equal to the U.S. average rate of 5%. The #1 ranked state has a rate of 4%.	
To equal the #1 rate of 5.8%, Delaware must reduce the number of low-birthweight babies by 300.	To equal the #1 rate of 1%, Delaware must reduce the number of children without health insurance by 4,000.	To equal the #1 rate of 15 per 100,000, Delaware must reduce the number of child and teen deaths by 15.	*Calculations of event reduction data for this measure are not available based on a methodology for calculating population (i) which is not replicable publicly.	
 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY		Domain Rank 26		
 Children in single-parent families 2015 40% or 77,000 children	 Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma 2015 11% or 23,000 children	 Children living in high-poverty areas 2011-2015 9% or 10,000 children	Teen births per 1,000 2015 18 per 1,000 or 540 births	
To equal the U.S. average rate of 35%, Delaware must reduce the number of children in single-parent families by 9,615.	Delaware is lower than the U.S. average rate of 14% in number of children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma.	At a rate of 9% Delaware is lower than the U.S. average rate of 14% of children living in high-poverty areas.	At a rate of 16 per 1,000 Delaware is lower than the U.S. average rate of 22 per 1,000 teen births.	
To equal the #1 rate of 19%, Delaware must reduce the number of children in single-parent families by 40,600.	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.	To equal the #1 rate of 1%, Delaware must reduce the number of children living in high-poverty areas 8,000.	To equal the #1 rate of 9 per 1,000, Delaware must reduce the number of teen births by 270.	

* Because NAEP uses numbers based on sample testing of students, the target population for these indicators was estimated using NAEP numbers for the number of students enrolled.

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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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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.



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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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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.



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Delaware Libraries
2018 Summer Reading Challenge



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
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**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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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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**Education Policy
Spotlight:**

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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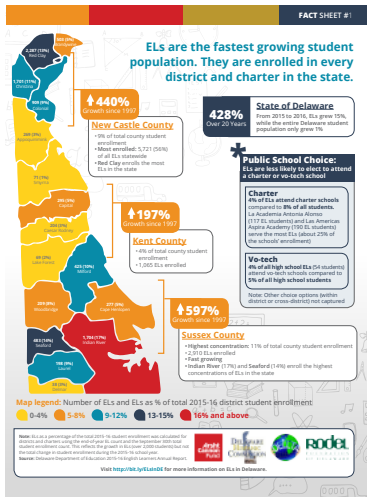
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Education Policy Spotlight:



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.

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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.



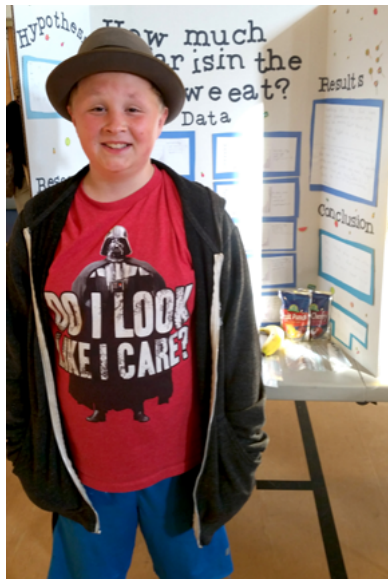
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Economic Policy Spotlight:

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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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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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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**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 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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Sunday 2018 Session is Over

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

*Enjoy
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