

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The *Kids Count in Michigan Data Book 2011* was developed by Jane Zehnder-Merrell of the Michigan League for Human Services (MLHS) with the assistance of League and project staff and the support of the Advisory Committee.

Thanks to Paul Diefenbach who collected and compiled the data and Tillie Kucharek who drafted the profiles, charts, and tables.

Many thanks to the reviewers Beverley McDonald, Judy Putnam, and Michele Corey.

We are also very grateful to other reviewers and the state employees who provided information on selected topics and commented on specific sections.

Thanks also to members of the Kids Count in Michigan Advisory Committee who have given their time and expertise to shape the book and other project activities. This report is dedicated to the memory of Elizabeth Arnovits who served for many years as the chair of the committee and championed public policies to improve the lives of children, youth and their families during her entire career.

Select photos throughout the book courtesy of David L. Smith. All photographs in this report were acquired independently and do not necessarily reflect a relationship to the discussion or indicator with which they appear.

DATA WERE PROVIDED BY THE FOLLOWING SOURCES:

Library of Michigan State Demographer

- Kenneth J. Darga

Maximus

- Peter VanZwoll

Michigan Department of Community Health

Actuarial Services

- Richard Miles and Staff

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

- Bob Scott

Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics

- Michael Beebe
- Glenn Copeland

Division of Epidemiology Services

- Sarah Lyon-Callo

Michigan Department of Education

Special Education Services

- John Robertson

Michigan Department of Human Services

Children's Protective Services

- Deanna Hudson
- Dave Oeseburg

Office of Child Support

- Ian Broughton

Policy Analysis Division

- Terry Drum

Michigan Public Health Institute

MCIR Project

- Laura Kortzen

Special recognition is accorded to League support staff:

Jackie Benson, Phyllis Killips, and Mary Logan for their assistance on multiple aspects of the project.

This report was funded by The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Skillman Foundation, and the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation, as well as United Ways. We thank them for their support. The findings and conclusions presented herein do not necessarily reflect the opinions of our funders.



Kids Count in Michigan Data Book 2011

Health Matters



TABLE OF CONTENTS

Executive Summary	2
Introduction	4
Economic Security.....	6
Child Health.....	11
Adolescence	16
Child Safety.....	21
Education	25
Profiles of Child Well-Being	28
Michigan	28
Michigan Counties.....	30
Detroit.....	113
Data Notes, Definitions and Sources	114