Data You Can Count On, the State of Delaware’s Children

KIDS COUNT in Delaware is pleased to present the 2016 Fact Book, which is now available online. This year we highlight the link between poverty and the outcomes in health, education and family/community indicators. New data show the rate of children in poverty is 20.1%, up from 15.2% in 2009, and has nearly doubled from 1995 to 2015. Median family income has also decreased for both single-parent and two-parent households. The rates of infant mortality, low-weight births, and the percentage of children without health insurance have all improved. Print executive summaries of the fact book will be mailed to those on our mailing list within the next month; data from the book can also be found at www.datacenter.kidscount.org.

Blue Bow Celebration Honors Prevention

Child Abuse Prevention Month is observed across the nation in April. This year’s DE Blue Bow Celebration focused on understanding the impact that adverse childhood experiences can have on children, toxic stress and brain development, the idea of changing social norms, and the impact that we can each make in the lives of vulnerable children.

Frameworks Shares Expertise on Messaging

Presenting research from the Frameworks Institute Anna Trester reminded us that storytelling to make change should include an underlying value (why is this important?), and data (how many kids does it affect?), but also needs to focus on solutions (how can we impact the system?) Find more information here.

Delaware Afterschool Summit

Directly following the KIDS COUNT & Blue Bow event, Delaware’s Afterschool Summit was held, engaging policy makers, practitioners, and supporters interested in providing input to the newly formed Delaware Afterschool Network in discussion.

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