2016 Legislative Wrap-up Now Available

KIDS COUNT in Delaware is pleased to release the 2016 Legislative Wrap-Up, which reports on selected legislation passed and budget appropriations made in the Delaware General Assembly’s 2016 Legislative Session affecting children in the areas of health, education, child welfare and economic well-being. Recent legislation includes a requirement that all public secondary schools have a school-based health center, changes to juvenile delinquency proceedings limiting the use shackles on children, and creation of a task force to study financial literacy. Read the full 2016 Legislative Wrap-Up here.

New Data on Child Care Programs

Child Care in America has just released 2016 State Fact Sheets providing important data to better understand America’s working families and the circumstances they face. As such, it is a critical tool for child care advocates, policymakers, and program administrators to guide decision-making about child care programs and costs. This year’s State Fact Sheets also includes new information on child care as it relates to QRIS, health, and emergency preparedness. Find more information here.

Summer Meals in Delaware

During the summer, many low-income children lose access to the free and reduced-price meals they rely on during the school year. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) targets children in low-income areas to ensure they have healthy meals during the summer. Ten districts and charter schools are program sponsors this year, with other community organizations, such as the Food Bank of Delaware, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware, and the YMCA of Delaware, also are sponsoring meal sites across the state. Find more info here.