Send Us Your Photos for the 2016 Fact Book!

KIDS COUNT in Delaware is seeking photographs of Delaware children to use in our publications and products. We prefer to use photos that friends of KIDS COUNT in Delaware send us, showing Delaware children in settings representative of our state. If you would like to submit photos for consideration, please email them to: klowman@udel.edu

Attention Community Partners

We’d love to highlight some of Delaware’s great nonprofits and direct service providers in the community. If you have photos of kids participating in your events or programs and you have permission to share and use those photos publically, please send them our way!

New Report from CDC on Violence in Wilmington

In a 15-page report released this month by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), titled "Elevated Rates of Urban Firearm Violence and Opportunities for Prevention -- Wilmington, Delaware," traced a series of indicators in those who go on to commit gun violence, most notably repeated exposure to violence and shootings. The study concluded that toxic environments and high stress produce shooters, and offered some recommendations to reduce gun crime in Wilmington and other cities. In order to identify at-risk youth more effectively and offer intervention services, the report said, states should work to increase collaboration between schools, hospitals, and courts and pool data in a risk assessment tool. Read more here.

CPI grades Delaware “F” in Public Integrity

The Center for Public Integrity (CPI) released its 2015 State Integrity Investigation report which assesses government accountability and transparency. The investigation issued Delaware an “F” grade and ranked the state 48th in the nation. Delaware has several areas of concern, including financial disclosure forms, which are submitted by judges, lawmakers, and top officials, and are not audited or checked for accuracy. One way in which Delaware has improved since 2012 is in its lobbying laws: lobbyists are now required to be more transparent to the public about attempts to influence legislation. Read the full report here.

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