



The Annie E. Casey Foundation

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The Annie E. Casey Foundation Presents ***KIDS COUNT 2005*** at
National Conference of State Legislatures Annual Meeting

*Leading child-advocacy foundation to brief legislators on approaches to help families succeed;
state legislative data resource on child well-being to be launched*

State legislators and their staffers will have the opportunity to hear about resources and data that can help improve decision-making on achieving successful futures for America's kids and families when representatives from the Annie E. Casey Foundation present ***KIDS COUNT 2005*** at the annual meeting of the National Conference of State Legislatures, August 16-19 in Seattle, Washington. Foundation President Douglas W. Nelson will brief legislators on innovative public and private approaches that are helping vulnerable families overcome barriers to work and achieve economic success. In addition, the first online database featuring child well-being indicators in all 7,000 state legislative districts will be presented by Dr. William O'Hare, Casey's KIDS COUNT Coordinator. Interactive demonstrations on how to use the new resource will be held at the Foundation's booth in the exhibit hall of the Washington Convention Center. Visitors can create reports and rankings of the economic, education, employment, and health status of children and families in their districts.

Learn more about the Annie E. Casey Foundation at the annual meeting of the National Conference of State Legislatures:

"Strengthening Low-Income Families: Overcoming Barriers to Work"

**Douglas W. Nelson, President, Annie E. Casey Foundation
Thursday, August 18, 2005 at 7:30- 9 A.M., Room 607**

"KIDS COUNT Announces First Ever State Legislative District Level Data on Kids and Families"

**Dr. William P. O'Hare, KIDS COUNT Coordinator, Annie E. Casey Foundation
Thursday, August 18, 2005 at 11 A.M., Room 305**

"Talk with Experts and Receive Free Demonstrations of New Online Legislative Database"

**Annie E. Casey Foundation Exhibit Booth #747
Wednesday, August 17 through Friday, August 19, Exhibition Hall**

Journalists are encouraged to attend, but conference registration is required (at no cost) by NCSL. Badges are required for admission to all events and may be picked up in Room 310. For more information and to register online, visit <http://www.ncsl.org/programs/press/2005/Registration.htm>. The NCSL meeting will be held at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center, 800 Convention Place, Seattle, Washington.

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The Annie E. Casey Foundation is a private charitable organization whose primary mission is to foster public policies, human-service reforms, and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of today's vulnerable children and families. Visit www.aecf.org for additional details.