

## **Kidsdata Overview by Barbara Needell**

**Kidsdata.org**, a program of the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, is a public service that promotes the health and well being of children by making a wide range of trustworthy information easily accessible to policymakers, service providers, grantseekers, media, parents, educators, and others who influence kids' lives.

The kidsdata website allows users to find, customize, download, and share data on more than 400 measures related to child health and well being. Data are available for every county, city, school district, and legislative district in California. User-friendly displays make it easy to incorporate data from more than 35 trusted public sources into reports, presentations, grant proposals, policy decisions, media stories, and advocacy work. In addition, kidsdata.org summarizes the significance of each topic, offers policy implications, and assembles key links to related websites and research.

The Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health operates kidsdata.org to raise the visibility of key issues affecting California's children, and to make it easy for leaders to use data in their work, whether that's assessing community needs, setting priorities, tracking progress, making program/policy decisions, or identifying new areas of concern.

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