Ohio’s Appalachian Children at a Crossroads: A Roadmap for Action

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2016 Report

- Comparisons to 2001
- Indicators in areas of:
  - Demographics
  - Economic Stability
  - Birth & Babies
  - Early Childhood Education
  - Primary & Secondary Education
  - Child Health
  - Food Insecurity
- Data sources
Child Population

- 450,000 children live in Appalachia
- Fell by 50,000 children since 2000

1 in 6 Ohio children live in Appalachia
Economic Stability

Unemployment

Then: 5.5%
Now: 6.7%

Child Poverty

Then: 17.8%
Now: 26.7%

Percentage of Children Living in Poverty

Source: U.S. Census SA/PE, 2000 and 2013
Birth and Babies

The teen birth rate fell 40% since 2000

• High infant mortality rate
• Alarming increases in babies born exposed to opiates
Early Childhood Education

- Demand for high quality
- Cost for families
- Challenges for early childhood businesses
Children in Appalachian Ohio are on par with or doing better than all Ohio children in some areas, while lagging behind in others.
Child Health

Disparities in:

• Primary, dental, mental health professional shortage areas

• Access to pediatricians and hospitals

21 Appalachian counties are designated Health Professional Shortage Areas
Food Insecurity

• 1 in 4 children are in households that are food insecure

• Higher SNAP/food stamps participation

• Challenged by access to food
Philanthropic Capital

APPALACHIAN OHIO’S
PHILANTHROPY GAP

Philanthropic Dollars Per Capita

$7,437

$7,000
$6,000
$5,000
$4,000
$3,000
$2,000
$1,000
$500

Ohioans
Outside
Our Region

Appalachian
Ohioans

$762
Key Policy Recommendations

• Economic Stability ➔ Two-generation strategies

• Babies ➔ Focus on opiate crisis counties through expansion of M.O.M.S.

• Babies ➔ Invest in evidence-based smoking cessation programs for pregnant women
Key Policy Recommendations

• Early Childhood Ed ➔ Build an ECE Hub for Partnership

• Child Health ➔ Invest in School-Based Health Services

• Food Insecurity ➔ Increase participation in summer food service programs, focus on site transportation
Statehouse Report Release – May 4th
Engaging the Ohio Statehouse

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Engaging Appalachian Communities

Community Roundtables

• Athens – September 23rd
• Lisbon – October 7th
• Hillsboro – October 19th
• Portsmouth – October 20th
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Post-Roundtable Survey

What Issue is Most Important to You?
Post-Roundtable Survey

How Have You Used the Report?
Educating others about...
Grant writing
Talking to policymakers...
Forming new collaborations
Report writing
Other (please specify)
Talent, Skill, Ability, Network

- Social Media
- Management
- Nutrition Education, Prenatal Education, Breastfeeding Education
- Trauma trainer, President of Drug [Prevention] Coalition, President of a County Tea Party, CEO of Large Appalachian Non-Profit
New Southeast Child Hunger Initiative

Children's Hunger Alliance

Jackson Lawrence Pike Ross Scioto Vinton
Legislative Opportunities

Summer Nutrition Legislation (Senate Bill 54; House Bill 80)
How To Use The Data
Q & A
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