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Every Day in Oklahoma **137** babies are born 7 of the babies are born to children 10 of the babies are born with inadequate prenatal care **11** of the babies are born too small 172 incidents of child abuse and/or neglect are assessed or investigated **36** incidents are confirmed to be child abuse and/or neglect 18 children quit high school without graduating

67 children are arrested for a crime3 of those are arrested for a violent crime

At least **2** children will die

1 of those will be a baby



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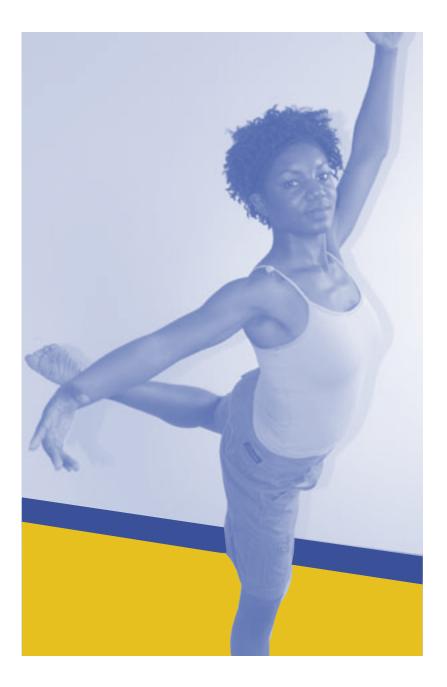


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About OICA & Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Leadership

I feel good when I can



something back into my community. And it's really fun to paint and hammer and stuff with other kids. The people we help are always nice to us and are glad that we are helping them to have a better place to live in.



About Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Leadership



Leaders Build Relationships

Members of each Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Leadership Class work locally and across the state with others who are interested in improving the lives of Oklahoma's children and youth. Leaders have the opportunity to network with policymakers, community leaders, social service providers and concerned citizens.

Leaders Help Solve Problems

One tenet of KIDS COUNT is that local people solve local problems. Each Leader receives technical assistance and leadership training to support them in their role as a resource person on children and youth issues. Individuals who are a part of KIDS COUNT guide their own communities toward creating a better life for children and youth.

Leaders Work For Children And Youth

Children and youth are our voiceless, voteless citizens. KIDS COUNT Leaders elevate public awareness of pertinent issues on behalf of children and youth. Through media releases and events, community meetings, Child Watch Visits, Round Table discussions and other publicity activities, Leaders generate public interest and provide helpful information on issues important to children and youth.

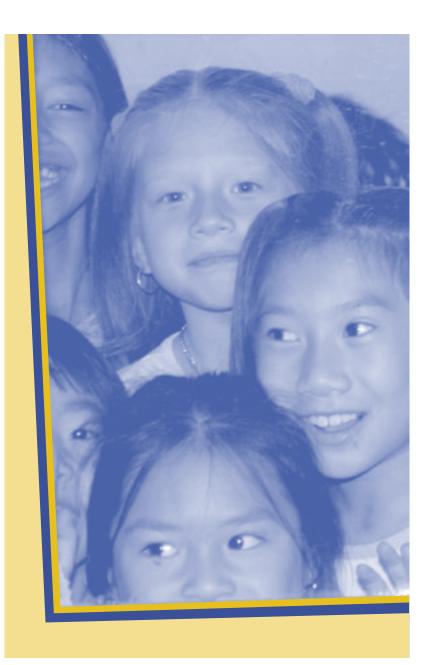
Leaders Make A Difference

They are Leaders who care about children and youth. They lead others to the cause. The work that they do lifts them up as role models to all members of the community. Through Oklahoma KIDS COUNT, they have the resources, connections and support to improve the lives of children and youth.

Individuals from all racial, ethnic, religious, socioeconomic, professional and political backgrounds, from high school age to senior citizens are encouraged to apply.

KIDS COUNT Leaders must be available to attend the KIDS COUNT Advocacy Camp which is held the first Friday and Saturday in August.

The year-round application process for Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Leadership is easy! Applications must be postmarked on or before the third Monday in June. Please contact Ann Patterson Salazar at 405/236-5437 extension 106, or apsalazar@oica.org, if you have any questions, or go to ww.oica.org to download an application.



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Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Leaders are trained in the areas of legislative and grassroots advocacy, communicating children's issues and community organizing. KIDS COUNT Leaders are available for group presentations and individual meetings.

KIDS COUNT Leaders are chosen annually through an application process. (A description of the Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Leadership program and the application process can be found on page 6 in this book.)

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accomplishes positive change for children and youth through three principle strategies:



Taking ACTION

Changing POLICY



The Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA) is a broad-based, multi-issue organization that promotes programs and policies designed to improve the health and well-being of Oklahoma's children and youth. Its work provides a critical link between the provision of programs and services at the local level and the policy-making process at the state level.

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State Profile

Volunteering in the community makes me feel



Since I am only five foot three making a difference in someone's life makes me feel six foot five. It is like when you went to an amusement park as a child and there were rides that you were too small or young to ride. Volunteering is a lot different. No matter how big or old you are you are never too small or too young to make a difference in someone's life and your community.