

# ARKANSAS'S CHILDREN 2008

## Arkansas's Children At a Glance

State Population <sup>1</sup> .....	2,810,872
Population, Children Under 18 <sup>2</sup> .....	675,622
State Poverty Rate <sup>3</sup> .....	17.7
Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 <sup>4</sup> .....	26.6
Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5-17 <sup>5</sup> .....	21.2
Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 <sup>6</sup> .....	29.4

*All statistics are for 2006.*

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2005, Arkansas had 35,376 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 23,120 reports were referred for investigation.<sup>7</sup>
- In 2005, 6,078 children were substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected in Arkansas, a rate of 12 per 1,000 children, and representing a 10% increase from 2004. Of these children, 55.7% were neglected, 19.3% were physically abused, and 29.2% were sexually abused.<sup>8</sup>
- In 2005, 17 children died as a result of abuse or neglect in Arkansas.<sup>9</sup>
- In 2005, 3,253 children in Arkansas lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 3,097 children in 2004. In 2005, 34.4% of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 19.4% were 16 or older.<sup>10</sup>
- Of the children in out-of-home care in 2005, 57.2% were white, 28.2% black, 5.8% Hispanic, and 8.8% children of other races and ethnicities; none were American Indian/Alaskan Native.<sup>11</sup>

## PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 3,380 children exiting out-of-home care in 2005, 78.9% were reunited with their parents or other family members.<sup>12</sup>
- In 2005, 316 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Arkansas, a 4.7% decrease from 331 in 2004.<sup>13</sup>
- Of the 3,253 children in out-of-home care in 2005, 999, or 30.7%, were waiting to be adopted.<sup>14</sup>

## KINSHIP SUPPORT

- In 2005, approximately 40,148 Arkansas grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.<sup>15</sup>
- Of the 3,253 children in out-of-home care in 2005, 6.4% were living with relatives while in care.<sup>16</sup>
- Of all Arkansas children in kinship care in 2005, 55.8% were white, 32.7% were black, 4.3% were Hispanic, none were American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 7.2% were other races.<sup>17</sup>

## CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Arkansas increased from 16,981 in March 2006 to 19,165 in March 2007, an increase of 13.9%. The number of families receiving TANF in March 2007 was 8,447, a 3.1% increase from March 2006.<sup>18</sup>

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- In 2003, a family of three receiving only TANF and food stamp benefits in Arkansas was at 34.6% of the federal poverty level.<sup>19</sup>
- In 2006, Arkansas spent \$74,367,776 in TANF funds, including 20.6% on basic assistance, 79.4% on nonassistance, and none on child care or transportation.<sup>20</sup>
- In 2006, Arkansas collected and distributed \$166,999,427 in child support funds, an increase of 7.7% from 2005.<sup>21</sup>
- In 2006, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Arkansas was \$541 per month. The wage necessary to afford this two-bedroom apartment was \$10.40 per hour working a 40-hour week.<sup>22</sup>

## C H I L D C A R E A N D H E A D S T A R T

- In 2005, Arkansas had an estimated monthly average of 10,300 children served by subsidized child care; 14,700 children received subsidized child care in 2004, and 12,900 in 2003.<sup>23</sup>
- In 2007, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Arkansas a family of three could make no more than \$35,724, which is equivalent to 83% of the state's median income.<sup>24</sup>
- In 2007, Arkansas had 1,350 children on its waiting list for child care assistance.<sup>25</sup>
- In 2006, Head Start served 10,778 Arkansas children, a 1.5% increase from 2005.<sup>26</sup>

## H E A L T H A N D S U B S T A N C E A B U S E

- In 2004, 359,700 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in Arkansas, representing 51.4% of the total number of enrollees.<sup>27</sup>
- In 2004, 10,142 children were enrolled in Medicaid in Arkansas on the basis of being in foster care.<sup>28</sup>
- In 2004, Arkansas spent \$24,531,381 on Medicaid services for children in foster care, and \$2,419 per foster care enrollee on Medicaid services.<sup>29</sup>
- Arkansas reported spending \$0 of its total Medicaid spending in 2004 for children in foster care on targeted case management services.<sup>30</sup>
- Arkansas reported spending \$0 of its total Medicaid expenditures in 2004 for foster children on rehabilitative services.<sup>31</sup>
- In 2006, Arkansas had 3,440 children enrolled in its Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), a 64.71% increase from 2005, when 1,214 children were enrolled.<sup>32</sup>
- In 2004, 3,593 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams, giving Arkansas a rank of 43 nationally in percent of low-weight births (1 being the best, and 50 the worst).<sup>33</sup>
- In 2004, 319 infants younger than age 1 died in Arkansas, giving it a rank of 40 nationally in infant mortality rates (1 being the best, and 50 the worst).<sup>34</sup>

- In 2004, the birth rate for teens 15–17 in Arkansas was 30.7 births per 1,000 girls; for teens 18–19, the rate was 104.1. This reflects a total rate of 60.3 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19.<sup>35</sup>
- Cumulative through 2005, 4,307 adults and adolescents, as well as 16 children under the age of 13, were reported as having HIV/AIDS in Arkansas.<sup>36</sup>
- In 2005, an estimated 21,000 children ages 12–17, and 108,000 adults 26 and older, were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in Arkansas.<sup>37</sup>

## VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2005, 232 children aged out of out-of-home care in Arkansas.<sup>38</sup>
- In 2005, 12,000 Arkansas teens ages 16–19 were high school dropouts.<sup>39</sup>
- In 2005, 19% of teens ages 16–19 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school.<sup>40</sup>
- In 2005, approximately 13,000 children ages 12–17 in Arkansas needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.<sup>41</sup>
- In 2005, approximately 11,000 children ages 12–17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.<sup>42</sup>
- In 2004, 13 children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 1.72 per 100,000 children.<sup>43</sup>

## JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2004, 8 children younger than 18 were killed in firearm homicides in Arkansas, a 33% increase from 6 in 2003.<sup>44</sup>
- In 2006, 11,389 children younger than 18 were arrested in Arkansas, an 8% increase from 12,380 arrests in 2005. Of the arrests in 2006, 515 were for violent crimes and 166 were for possession of a weapon.<sup>45</sup>
- A 2003 census of juvenile offenders showed 675 children in juvenile correction facilities in Arkansas.<sup>46</sup>

## FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR ARKANSAS'S CHILDREN

- In 2004, Arkansas spent \$98,705,298 for child welfare services. Child welfare services are all direct and administrative services the state agency provides to children and families. Of this amount, 62% was from federal funds, and 38% was from state funds.<sup>47</sup>
- In 2004, of the \$61,135,611 in federal funds received for child welfare, 73% was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, 23% came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, 1% came from the Social Services Block Grant, 2% was from TANF, and 1% came from other federal sources.<sup>48</sup>

- Out of 3,253 children in out-of-home care in Arkansas in 2005, only 1,733 children, or 53.3%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.<sup>49</sup>

## ARKANSAS'S CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE

- A 2003 General Accounting Office (GAO) report documented that staff shortages, high caseloads, high worker turnover and low salaries impinge on delivering services to achieve safety, permanence, and well being for children.<sup>50</sup>
- The federal Child and Family Service Reviews have clearly demonstrated that the more time a caseworker spends with a child and family, the better the outcomes for those children and families.<sup>51</sup>
- According to the 2003 GAO report, the average caseload for child welfare/ foster care caseworkers is 24–31 children; these high caseloads contribute to high worker turnover and insufficient services being provided to children and families. CWLA recommends that foster care caseworkers have case-loads of 12–15 children.<sup>52</sup>
- In 2004, the minimum annual salary for a caseworker responsible for investigating reports of abuse and neglect in Arkansas was \$23,768; the median income for a family of four was \$48,353.<sup>53</sup>

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