

YOU CAN HELP!

- You can lead a local effort in your Church, Sunday School Class, Civic Group or Community.
- You can invite us to speak about the home to your group.
- You can ask your family to help.
- You can name a room after your loved ones, special friend, family or group.
- You can send us names and addresses of people who should receive written information about the new home.
- You can arrange a tour of the new children's home location.
- You can help us in creative ways we haven't even thought of yet!



WE NEED YOUR HELP

to complete this new Children's Home in Southeast Louisiana.

- Major Gifts
- Naming Opportunities

Over 100 years of dedicated care to children suffering from abuse and neglect.
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- Personal Gifts
- Leave A Legacy



We guide children and families home to experience God's love by following the teachings of Christ



DONATE NOW

LOUISIANA *likes to* **WIN** here...

So...why is it okay to lose here?



ALARMING Facts About Louisiana's Children

Ranked **48th** in child well-being.*

11% of teens not in school AND not working*

26% live in poverty*

48% (ages 3-4) are not attending school*

45% live-in single-parent homes*

52,862 calls to DCFS on child abuse or neglect in 2019.

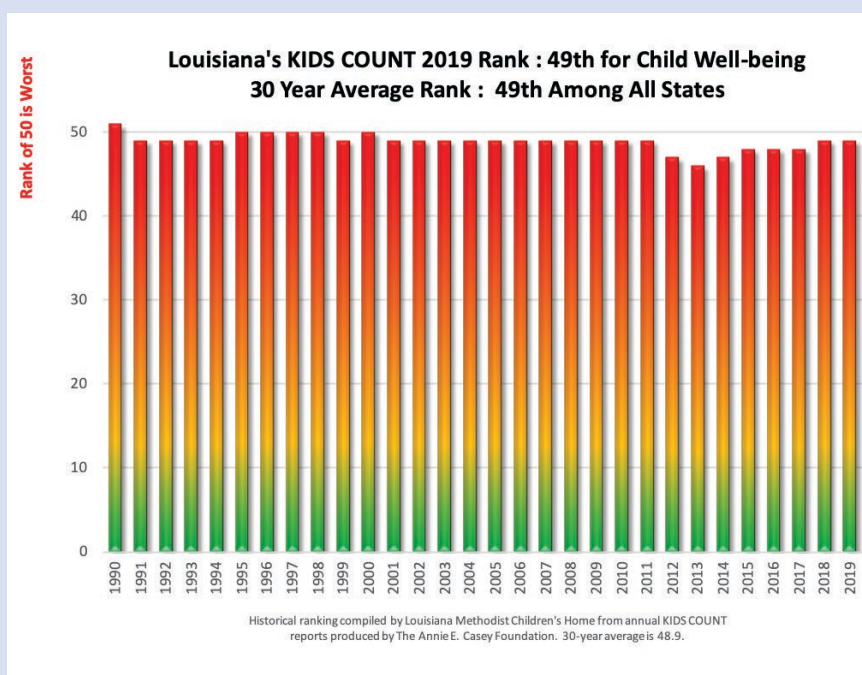
Dept. of Family and Social Services

35% have parents with no secure job*

The number of children living in high poverty is **increasing***

*Annie E. Casey Foundation Fact Book

Kids Count: Yes, But Do They Count in Louisiana?



A Historical Bibliography of Louisiana Newspaper Headlines Regarding Annual Kids Count Reports from 1990 through 2020

In 1990, the Annie Casey Foundation produced the first annual *Kids Count* report which ranked the U.S. states for child well-being. Each year since, child welfare researchers across the nation have gathered data, and evaluated numerous measures of child well-being in each state. The findings from the states are evaluated and the states are ranked in the annual *Kids Count Fact Book*. In 1990, Louisiana ranked 51st

in the nation for child well-being. Overwhelmed by a crack cocaine epidemic, Washington DC was ranked 50th – ahead of Louisiana. Beginning at 51st meant the only way forward was to improve. Sadly, Louisiana has held tenaciously to a 30-year average rank of 49th in the nation for child well-being. Generally, during the last three decades, Louisiana's children would have been better off in every other state but one.

To read the entire report, please visit: <https://lumcfs.org/advocacy/>

New Home & New Hope for Louisiana's Children

A new state-of-the-art facility for Louisiana children in need of intense, therapeutic residential care will open in Southeast Louisiana in August 2021. This is the first of a full range of services for children and families that Methodist Children's Home will bring to the beautiful 125-acre campus over the next 10 years.



Since the age of 6, Jarvis Spearman has been in foster homes. Today, a college graduate and an active participant in the LEAF State Youth Board, he is guiding others in foster care in positive ways. Jarvis is shown here on graduation day with members of the Methodist Children's Home and with individuals who helped guide him on his journey. He is particularly thankful for the Life Skills Training program, a dedicated youth program to help teens transition as adults.

100 year track record of helping children

A strong Louisiana nonprofit with almost 120 years of successfully caring for children with nowhere else to turn is coming to southeast Louisiana with a full range of services to address the growing needs of children and families with behavioral health challenges.

The statewide mission has over 600 employees providing therapeutic

foster care, intensive residential care, life skills training and experiential therapy. Working closely with the Louisiana Department of Health and the Department of Children and Family Services, the provider is building a multi-million dollar regional service center east of Hammond within an hour's drive of half of the state's population.



Our Goals to Help Louisiana's Children and Families in the next 10 years:

- New state-of-the-art residential facility
- New Therapeutic Foster Care and Life Skills Training Regional Service Center
- New Equine & Experiential Therapy Center
- Expanded Educational Facilities & School
- New Worship Center
- New Cottages for Child-Family Therapy

Our Organization Impacts Almost 24,000 Directly

