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Iowa Ranks Third in Kids Count Report

(Des Moines, Iowa) - The annual Kids Count report released by the Annie E. Casey Foundation shows Iowa ranking third in the nation in child well-being.

And, Iowa ranked first in health of children. Officials say this positive result is, in part, due to the availability of programs in Iowa such as ***hawk-i*** and CHIP which provide access to health care for low- and moderate-income families.

In overall rankings, Iowa moved from seventh last year into third place this year.

“This report underscores that Iowa’s efforts to improve children’s lives are successful,” said Iowa Department of Human Services Director Charles M. Palmer. “At DHS, we’re continuing to focus on strengthening families, including outreach on health care assistance.”

This is the 25th addition of the Kids Count report, which assesses overall child well-being nationally as well as in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. It uses 16 indicators in four domains: economic well-being, education, health and family and community.

For more information: Annie E. Casey Foundation <http://www.aecf.org/resources/the-2014-kids-count-data-book/>