

Since 1938, Save the Children U.S. Programs has worked with numerous states and organizations to design Sponsorship programs tailored to meet the unique and ever-changing needs of children. We currently work in 12 states, including Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Nevada, South Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia, in regions where children face hardships daily. In 2014, poor access to quality education, poverty and obesity were just a few of these hardships. To address these difficulties, we placed an emphasis on teacher training, health education and literacy. Below you can see how our work in the United States continues to help give children the best chance for success, including a healthy start, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm.

2014 Total Direct Reach:
50,424 children and adults

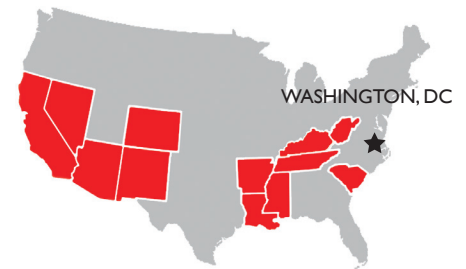


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Child Sponsorship Program Key Results

Early Steps to School Success

- 3,958 children ages 0-5 benefited from Save the Children's Early Steps to School Success program across 46 sites in 11 states.
- 86% of 3-year-olds scored higher than the national average on pre-literacy tests. This is an impressive 14% increase over 2013 and a step closer to ensuring the most vulnerable American children meet critical development milestones.
- We conducted home visits an average of 1.7 times per month per child and an average of 12 parent meetings were held by each program site over the course of the school year.
- Children in the program were read to 37 times per month on average, far exceeding expectations. This is critical to creating a positive learning environment in the home.

Literacy

- During the 2013-14 school year, Save the Children provided 35,952 children across 92 sites in 12 states with supplemental literacy support.
- 90% of emergent readers in Kindergarten and first grade demonstrated significant reading skill development on the STAR Early Literacy Assessment, compared to 89% nationally.

- 75% of developing readers who participated regularly in the program and were reading below grade level achieved significant reading growth on the STAR Reading Assessment.
- On average, the number of books read by children in the program increased from 67 in 2013 to 69 in 2014.
- At the beginning of the school year, only 14% of participants were reading at grade level. By the end of the school year, this number jumped to 31%.

Healthy Choices

- During the 2013-2014 school year, 11,009 children participated in Save the Children's Healthy Choices program across 81 sites in 11 states.
- On average, children participated in 30 minutes of physical activity per day and received a snack meeting our health standards on 94% of program days.
- 68% of children in the target group demonstrated growth in their knowledge of good nutrition over the course of the school year.
- 41% of children in the target group who participated regularly in the program demonstrated growth in aerobic capacity, a larger percentage than in 2013.



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