



MarinKids
Opportunity Around Every Corner



Opportunity for every child

2012 Data & Action Guide Summary

Who we are...



MarinKids is an effective, unifying voice and resource advocating for the general welfare of *all children*, ages birth to twenty-one years, in Marin County. We are dedicated to building a community that has at its heart a belief that caring for all children is our collective responsibility – and that acts to realize that belief.

The MarinKids Leadership Committee guides the work of MarinKids. Our members are business and government, political, healthcare and education, non-profit, faith-based, and philanthropic leaders who care about kids and care about the future.

Our **10-Year Goals** are to build the will of the community through public education, advocacy, collaborative action and leadership to achieve the following:

1. **Put children at the top of the agenda in Marin**
2. **Eliminate the educational achievement gap**
3. **Provide all children access to comprehensive, quality healthcare**
4. **Eliminate childhood obesity**

MarinKids provides a resource-rich website (www.marinkids.org) and other social media to inform and engage the public about the health and education of all our children in Marin. We produce voter education guides and conduct candidate forums for school board and state and federal elections on issues important to the welfare of children. MarinKids also collaborates with community partners to increase resources and implement policies for change.

Telling the Marin Story

MarinKids 2012 Data & Action Guide provides a look at how all Marin's kids are faring on key indicators of academic performance, access to healthcare and childhood obesity. Benchmarks are tracked over time and include a deeper look at racial/ethnic and economic differences among children on these indicators. To promote opportunities for all children, the guide offers options and models for action. Download the Guide at www.marinkids.org/publications.

The story told in the Data & Action Guide is one in which the majority of Marin's children are doing well, while *many of our children face enormous barriers to success*. In Marin, we can do better for all our kids!

Get Involved

MarinKids invites you to join our 1500 partners to get informed, set goals for change, and take action that supports success for all our kids.

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- Join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/marinkids
- Sign up to become a MarinKids partner at www.marinkids.org/newsletter



MARINKIDS 2012 DATA SUMMARY

GOAL AREAS	OPPORTUNITY GAP	PROGRESS NOTES
Education	Preschool – Gap is wide and at further risk	 Rate of preschool attendance is unequal: 32% of Latino children compared to 91% of White children. At risk of widening gap due to cuts in subsidies for low-income families.
	Reading – Small gains, but gap remains wide	 3rd graders scoring proficient or better on 2012 CA Standards Test (CST) in English Language Arts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30% economically disadvantaged; 82% not disadvantaged • 49% of African American (46% in 2011); 37% Latino (32% in 2011); 83% White students (83% in 2011)
	Math – Gap is wide	 Students scoring proficient or better on 2012 Algebra I CST: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% economically disadvantaged; 96% not disadvantaged • 23% of African American; 26% of Latino; 64% White; 76% Asian <p>On the 2012 California Exit Exam in Math, 73% of African American and Latino 10th graders passed compared to 94% of White and 96% of Asian students. The trend over time shows some uneven improvement.</p>
	Graduation – Gap remains	 In 2012, a lower rate of African American (77%) and Latino (80%) students graduated from high school than White (94.7%) or Asian (100%) students. (2012)
	College Eligibility – Gap remains wide; progress needed for all students	 23% of Latinos and 23.6% of African American graduates completed UC/CSU requirements in 2011 compared to 66.1% of White and 69.6% of Asian graduates.
Healthcare	Insurance – Significant progress for all children 0-17; risks to program	 99.5% of children 0-17 are insured. 74.5% of those ages 18-20 are insured. (2009) Marin insurance program is vulnerable.
	Health Care – Significant progress for all children 0-17	 96.5% of those ages 0-17 did not delay medical care.
	Dental Care – Some gap remains	 Despite low rates of insurance (69%), 13% of children 0-17 had not seen a dentist within one year. 82% of Latino and 90% of White children had. (2009)
	Immunizations – Declining rate	 Rate of immunizations among kindergarten students (82.7%) is declining and lower than state rate (90.7%).
Childhood Obesity	Healthy Weight – Gap is wide	 Nearly 10% of children ages 0-5 identified as obese. 10.9% of Latino children compared to 6.4% of White children 0-5. (2010) 20% of 5th, 7th, & 9th graders are overweight – 50% of African American and 33% of Latino 7th graders compared to 13% of White students. (2011)
	Physical Fitness – Progress needed for all children	 Less than 50% of 7th graders met all physical fitness standards. (2011)





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