

## Organizational Backgrounders

### Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health

The mission of the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health is to elevate the priority of children's health and increase the quality and accessibility of children's health care. The foundation's vision is that all children in the communities it serves are able to reach their maximum health potential. Recognizing that no single strategy can address the diverse health needs of children, the foundation pursues its mission through three distinct yet complementary programs: fundraising for Packard Children's Hospital, grantmaking, and public information and education.

### Kidsdata.org

Kidsdata.org, a comprehensive Web site launched in 2004, tracks hundreds of indicators on the health and well-being of children in California. Data are available for all cities, school districts and counties in California – nearly 1,600 regions in total. The purpose of kidsdata.org is to promote the health and well-being of children by making trustworthy information easily accessible to policymakers, service providers, grantseekers, media, parents, educators and others who influence kids' lives.

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