

# “BORDER KIDS COUNT”: THE LATEST DATA FROM CALIFORNIA & MEXICO

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Situation of children  
and adolescents  
in Baja California,  
Mexico

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# What is REDIM?

- The Red por los Derechos de la Infancia en México dates back to 2001, when Mexican CSOs started working in coordination, seeking to spread and promote children's rights in Mexico.
- REDIM currently consists of a coalition of 63 Mexican CSOs within 15 States. Legally constituted in 2001, REDIM develops programs for the benefit of children and adolescents.

## Mission

To promote a social and cultural movement for children and adolescents to know, exercise, and enjoy their rights.

# Objectives

1

To deepen the knowledge on children's rights.

2

To strengthen Mexican CSOs capacity to fulfill, respect and protect children's rights in Mexico.

3

To initiate legal, political and administrative national and international mechanisms to safeguard the fulfillment and respect of children's rights.

4

To initiate the exercise of children and adolescents citizenship.

5

To create positive dialogue regarding children rights.

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# How do we do it?

## Construction of the political agenda

- To increase the capacity of the organizations that develop programs benefiting children in Mexico.
- To have an impact on public political agendas that affect the situation of children and their rights in our country.

## Legislation

To adjust the legislation in force at regional and federal levels.



Principles and rights established within the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

## Communication that benefits children and their rights

To enrich the knowledge and education on children rights and their situation.

To strengthen the presence and notoriety of the programs carried out by the civil society in Mexico in that field.

# Thematic essays

## Kids Count in Mexico

Elaborated with information from official sources since 2005, Kids Count in Mexico has consolidated itself as a public tool to understand and analyze the situation of children rights, as well as to have an impact on the public agenda through the measuring of the social impact caused by the Mexican State shortcomings to protect and safeguard children rights.

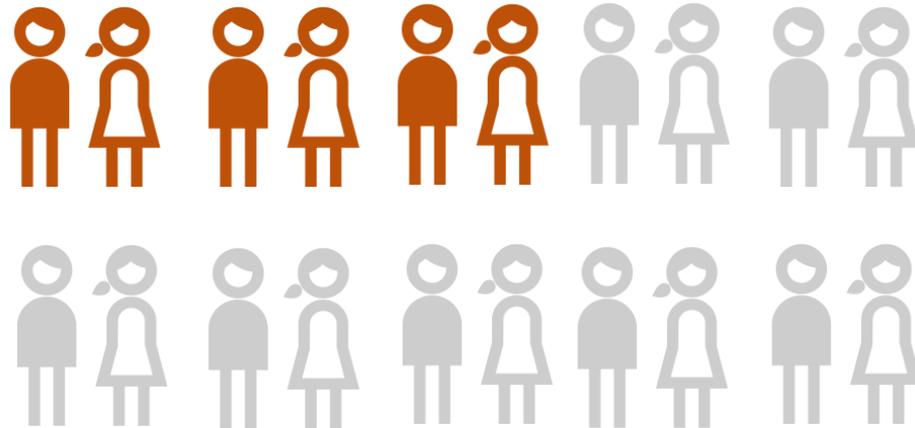


In 2017, the report “Challenges in the access to justice for children and adolescents” was produced and presented.

Kids Count 2017 analyzes the social context, in which structural factors are enrooted, which negatively affects the exercise of children and adolescents’ rights and are obstacles to their access to justice.

# CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN BAJA CALIFORNIA

## ESTIMATED CHILD POPULATION (0 to 17), 2017

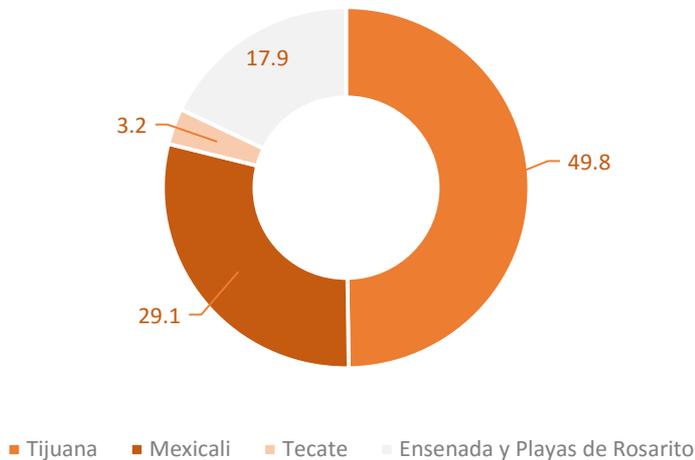


Source: CONAPO. Population estimates and projections in Mexico, 2010-2030.

The estimated population of children and adolescents in 2017 amounted to 39.97 million, of which **1.1 million live in Baja California** and **represent over a third of the population.**

# Population distribution by municipality

Population distribution aged between 0 and 17 in Baja California by municipality, 2015



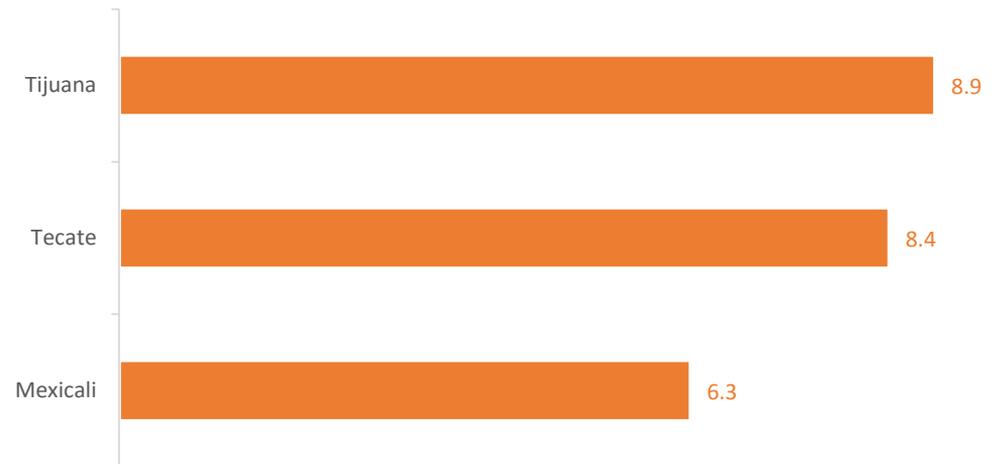
Half of the children and adolescents population in Baja California live in Tijuana, bordering municipality with San Diego, California.

Source: Processed by REDIM, based on INEGI. Inter-census survey. Database.

# Resident population in Baja California born in the United States.

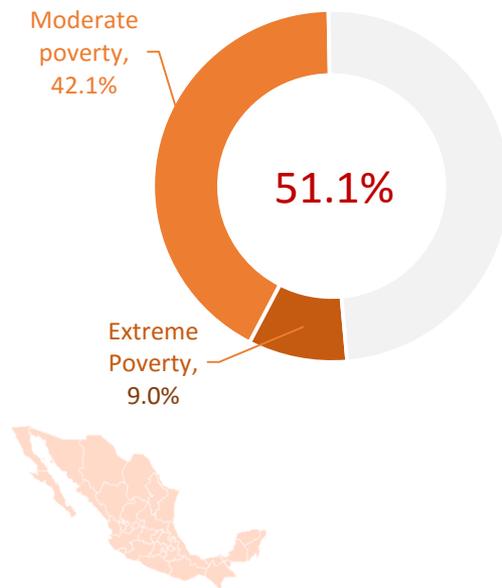
**1** out of **10** children and adolescents residing in Tijuana, Baja California, was born in the United States of America.

Population percentage aged between 0 and 17 residing in Baja California, born in the United States by selected municipality, 2015



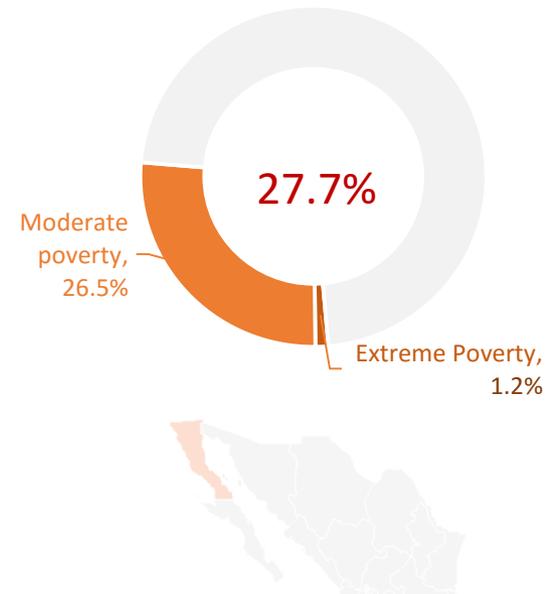
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# Children (0 to 17) living in poverty (2016)



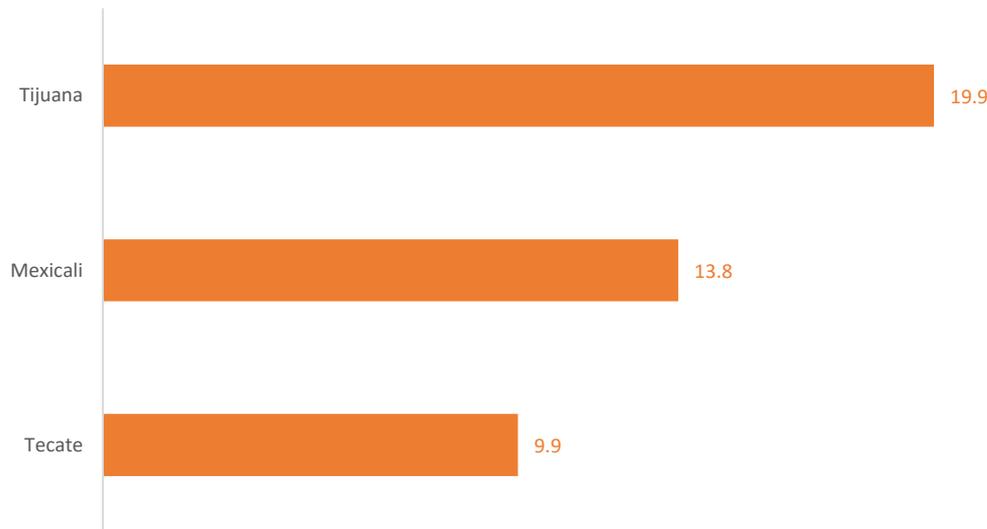
More than half of the children in Mexico (aged 0 to 17) live in poverty.

In Baja California, about **28%** are poor.



# Population aged between 0 and 17 without any healthcare rightful claim

Population aged between 0 and 17 without healthcare rightful claim by selected municipality, 2015



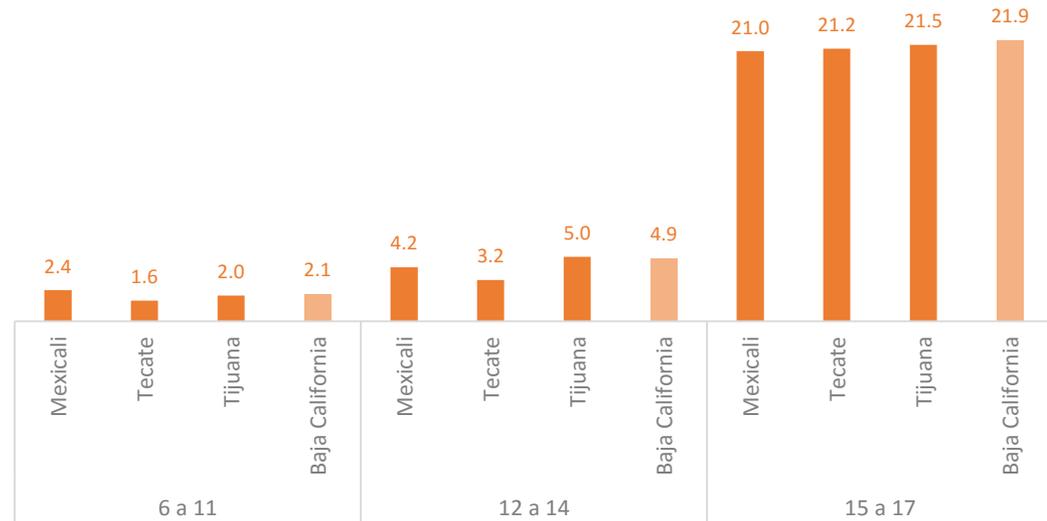
**2** out of **10** children and adolescents in Tijuana do not have access to health services, as a result of benefiting from a family member that enjoys this benefit.

Source: Processed by REDIM, based on INEGI. Inter-census survey. Database.

# Non-attendance to school

There is high school participation among children in primary school; however, at the high school level, **2** out of **10** pupils do not attend school.

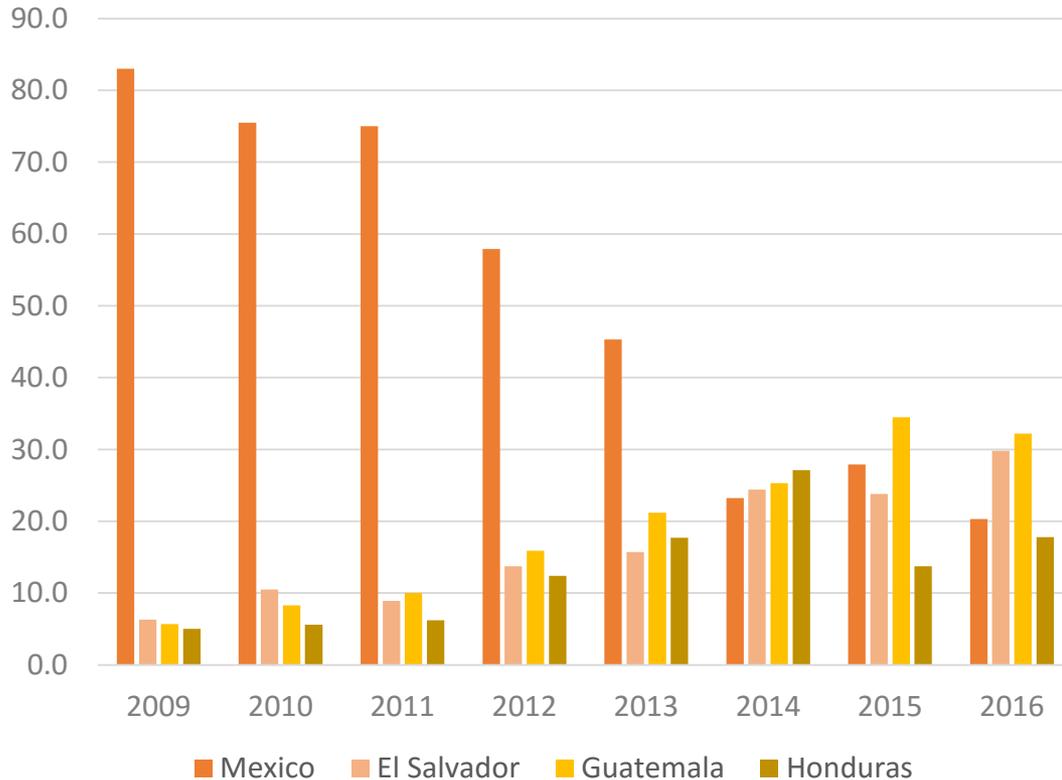
Population percentage aged between 0 and 17 that do not attend school, by age group and selected municipality, 2015



Source: Processed by REDIM, based on INEGI. Inter-census survey. Database.

# % UNACCOMPANIED MIGRANT POPULATION (0 to 17) HELD IN THE UNITED STATES, 2009-2016

*Ranked by country of origin according to the year of detention*



- Between 2009 and 2016, there were **281,000 detentions of unaccompanied children.**
- **Unaccompanied migrant children detentions tripled between 2009 and 2016.** The flow of migrants coming from Guatemala, el Salvador and Honduras are more noticeable.

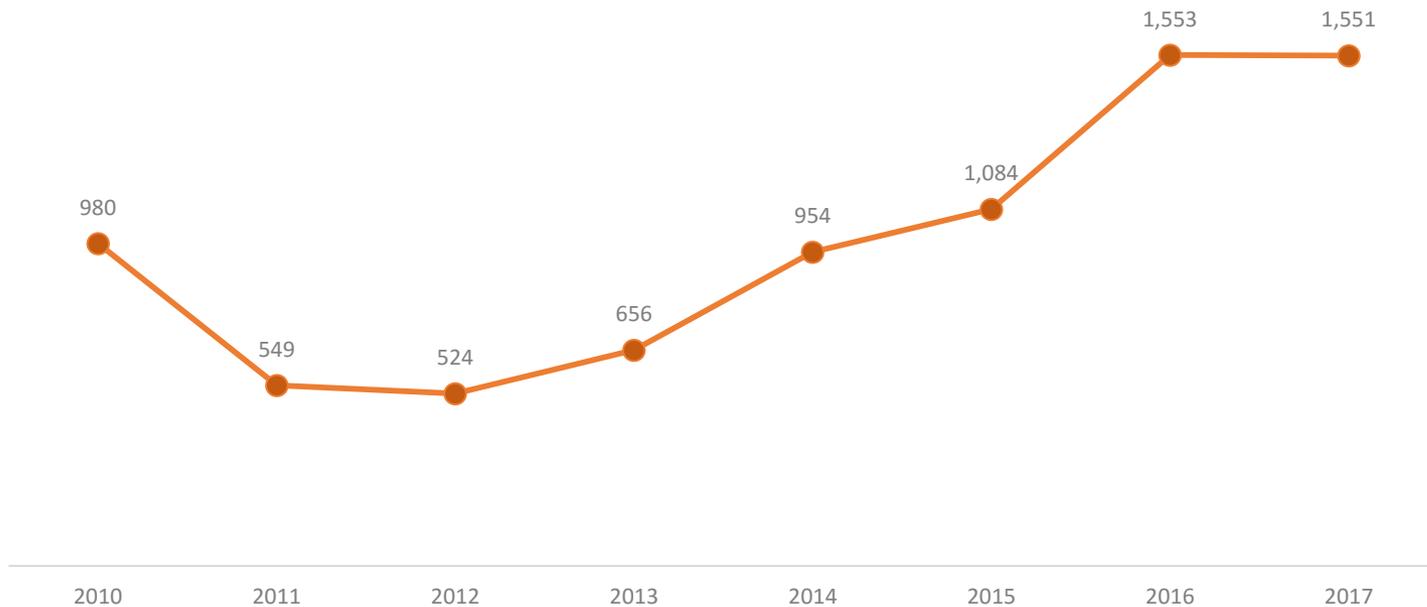
# CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE UNACCOMPANIED MIGRANT POPULATION (0 to 17) HELD IN THE UNITED STATES, 2009 - 2016

- In 2009, **8** out of **10** detentions corresponded to Mexican children and adolescents. In 2016, this proportion was **2** out of **10** detentions.
- For every Guatemalan detained in 2009, **17** were detained in 2016.
- For every Salvadoran detained in 2009, **14** were detained in 2016.
- For every Honduran detained in 2009, **11** were detained in 2016.



Source: REDIM, based on: U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Stats and Summaries. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/media-resources/stats?title=Border+Patrol>

# TOTAL UNACCOMPANIED MIGRANT CHILDREN (0 TO 17) APPREHENSIONS, SAN DIEGO SECTOR. 2010-2017



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From 2012 on, the number of apprehensions of unaccompanied migrant children in the area of San Diego increased considerably. The number of detentions is **three times higher** around 2017.



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A systems approach to  
promote wellbeing for  
California's border  
kids

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resultados de la  
región fronteriza de  
California*



# CHILDREN NOW

Children Now is California's umbrella research, policy development, communications, and advocacy organization working on all key kids' issues, including early childhood, education reform, children's health, foster care, and juvenile justice

# Our umbrella coverage of issues enables us to employ the Pro-Kid frame

## Children Now's Current Issue Coverage

### CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Home Visiting

Developmental Screenings

Insurance Coverage

*Health4All,  
ACA Implementation,  
Medi-Cal Reform, Coveredtil26*

Access & Quality

*Preventive and Primary Care,  
Family Representation,  
Data & Monitoring  
Continuity of Care for Foster Youth*

Oral Health

Mental Health

Nutrition

Obesity

### Integrated Systems

Integrated Data

Prenatal-Age 3  
*Comprehensive Agenda*

Childhood Trauma  
*Comprehensive Agenda*

School-Based Health  
& Social Services  
*Early Childhood & K12*

### CHILD WELFARE

Family Preservation  
& Reunification

Stability & Permanency

Juvenile Justice

### EDUCATION

Early Learning Access & Quality  
*Child Care, Preschool and TK*

STEM  
*Leading CA STEM Network*

Expanded Learning

Personalized Learning

District and Educator Capacity

Finance Reform

Accountability

Social Emotional Learning

Chronic Absence

School Discipline

Foster Youth Education Reform

# Children Now's Strategic Approach

Why, with near consensus in our country on creating equal opportunity for all children, regardless of race or income, do kids fare so poorly in public policy making?

Despite the existence of thousands of groups fighting for numerous child-related causes, the lack of a powerful, unified advocacy effort has allowed other interests to continually supersede kids in priority and resources.

The children's base is fractured and kids are losing out.

## Pro-Kid Coverage

Cover the full range of key children's issues including early childhood, education reform, children's health, foster care and juvenile justice

Allows us to position issues as "Pro-Kid" just as other interest groups do

## Inside Expertise

Work closely with partners, policymakers, and influential leaders throughout the state to craft, promote, enact, and implement scalable change for kids

## Outside Pressure

Mobilize a broad and diverse membership to take action at a strategic point in time, coordinated with the work on the inside

CN leads The Children's Movement, now at more than 2,000 members

**All three components are essential for successful kids' advocacy at any level (national, state and local)**

# Research

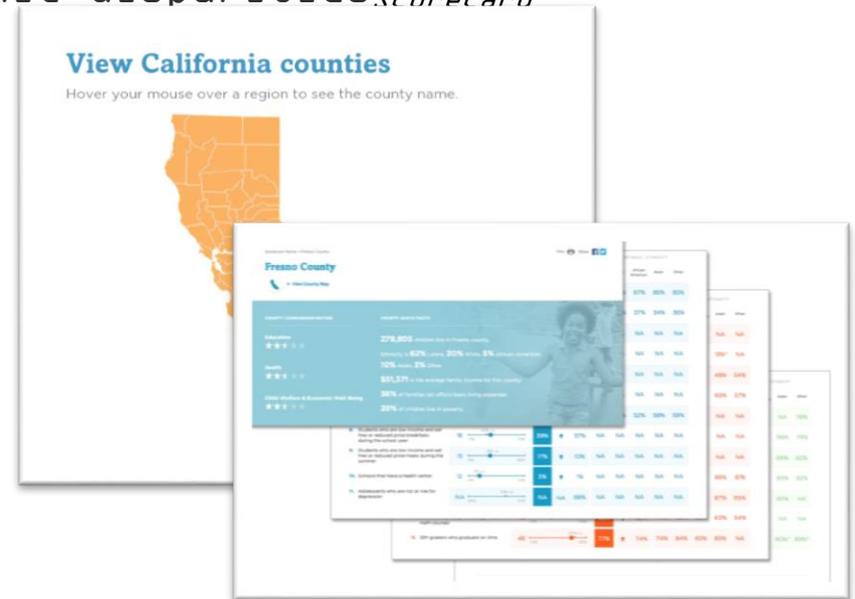
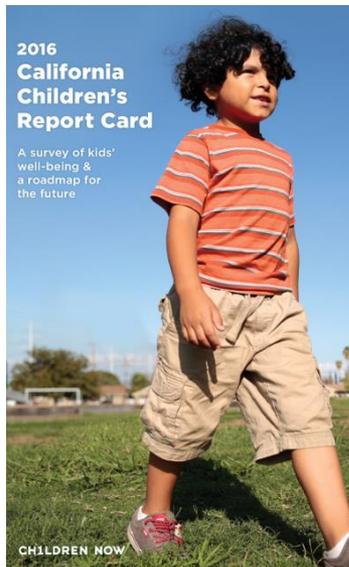
## *Spotlights children's needs at the state and local levels*

- Key publications provide significant annual coverage of individual issues:
  - + Early Childhood, K-12 Education, Foster Care, Health Care etc.
  - + Highlight need for comprehensive, integrated solutions

State-Level: The California Report Card

County-Level: The California County

- + Underscore regional and ethnic disparities Scorecard



# CALIFORNIA'S BORDER KIDS

California 9,118,201

San Diego County 745,582

Imperial County 52,609

~9%

overall child  
population of  
CA is:

Imperial County

+

San Diego County



# BORDER KIDS' DEMOGRAPHICS

DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATOR	STATE AVERAGE	SAN DIEGO COUNTY	IMPERIAL COUNTY
LATINO	51%	44%	89%
WHITE	27%	36%	8%
BLACK	5%	4%	1%
ASIAN	11%	9%	1%
OTHER	5%	6%	2%
KIDS IN POVERTY	23%	19%	31%
LIVING IN A FAMILY WHERE ONE OR MORE PARENT IS FOREIGN BORN	49%	45%	52%

# Evidence of impact in outcomes for border kids

## 1 EDUCATION

51% of 3rd graders in San Diego are reading on grade level (state average=42%)

## 2 HEALTH

80% of San Diego newborns are exclusively breastfed while in the hospital (state average=69%)

## 3 CHILD WELFARE

95% of children in the child welfare system had a medical exam in the last year in San Diego County (state average=84%)

# Persistent outcome gaps for our border kids

1

## EDUCATION

Just 42% of kids 0-5 years old in Imperial County are read to every day (state average=62%)

2

## HEALTH

Only 19% of low-income kids in Imperial County ages 0-3 received an annual dental visit (state average=32%)

3

## CHILD WELFARE

37% of Imperial kids live in communities of concentrated poverty (state average=17%)

# New Research from Kaiser Family Foundation

"...we wake up every day with the fear of being deported, of the separation of our families, to have to leave the kids." -Latino Parent, Boston, Massachusetts

"Uncomfortable and unstable; we feel that in any moment a new rule could be issued leading to expelling us and sending us back." -Arabic-speaking Parent, Anaheim, California

## [Living in an Immigrant Family in America: How Fear and Toxic Stress Are Affecting Daily Life, Well-Being, & Health](#) ( December 2017)

- Fears and uncertainty have increased since the election
- Some families have made changes in their daily lives and routines
- Most parents are continuing to access care for their children and maintain Medicaid/CHIP coverage, but some reported changes in care and enrollment
- Increased fears are impacting the health and well-being of children

# New Research (continued)

- Immigrants come to the U.S. seeking safety and refuge from violence and better opportunities for themselves and their children
- Immigrant families across backgrounds and locations have been impacted by the current environment
- Impacts extend to those with lawful status
- Fear and toxic stress have short- and long-term consequences for children's health and well-being
- Support for parents and families is key for helping to buffer impacts on children

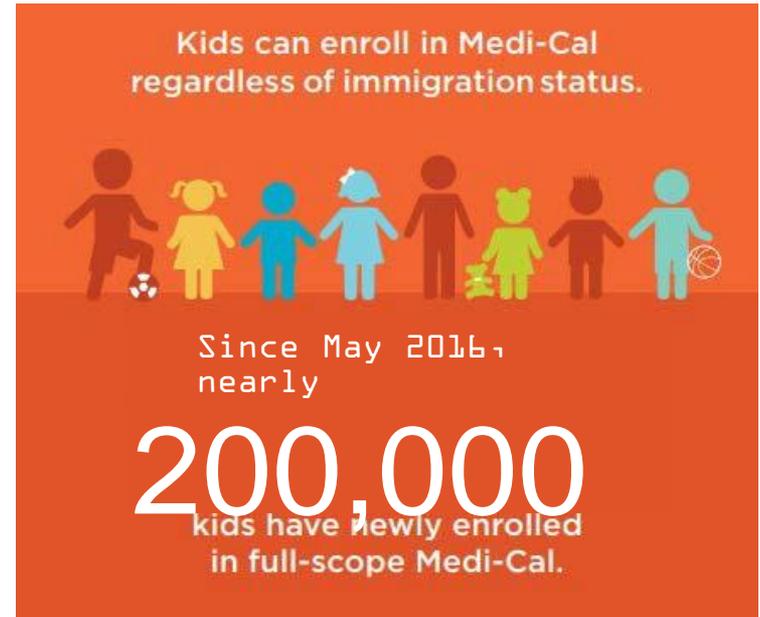
# Children Now's Pro-Kid model

## Case Study: Expanded health coverage to undocumented kids (2015)

Worked with partners to achieve historic health coverage for undocumented kids statewide

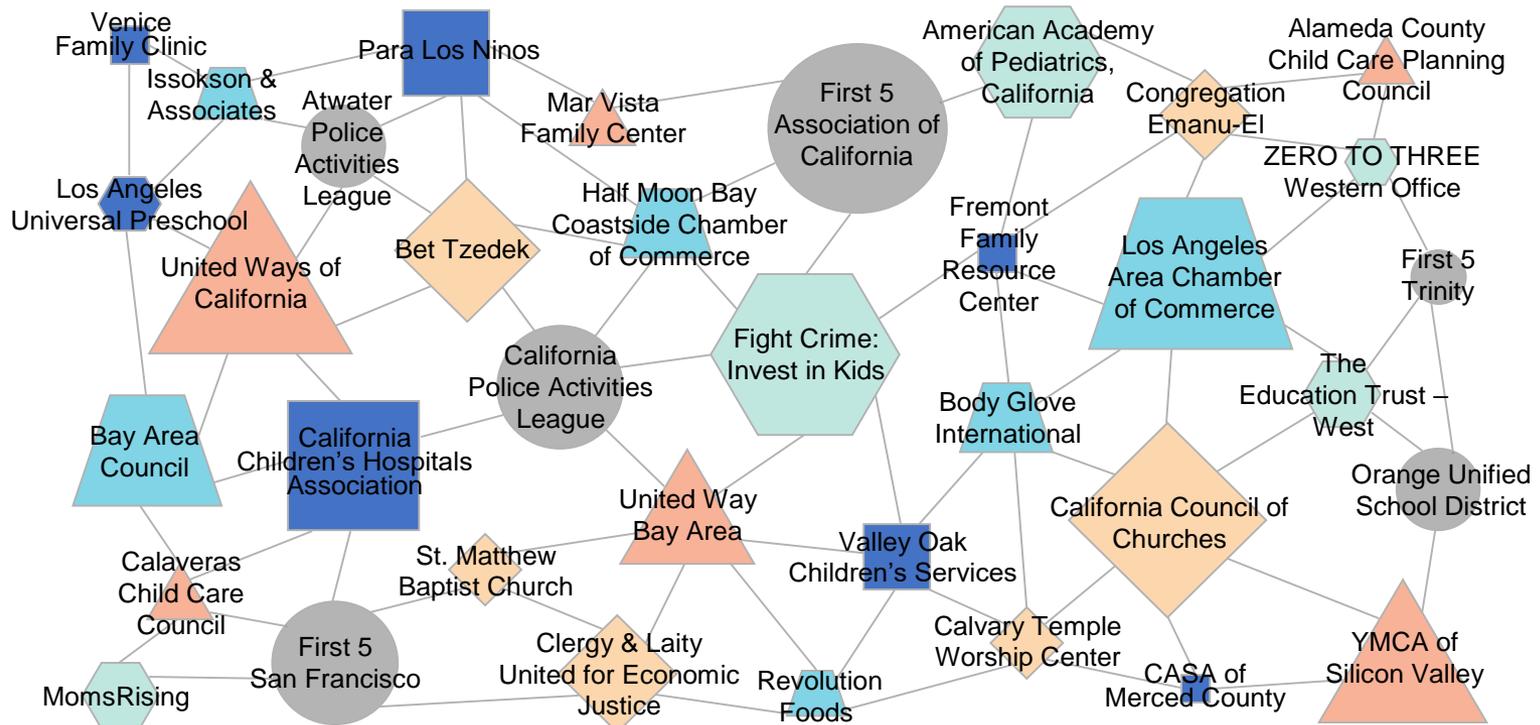
Since that decision, Children Now has played the behind the scenes "hub" role to support implementation efforts. Nearly 200,000 undocumented children have already enrolled in full-scope Medi-Cal coverage. Our efforts included:

- Organized and hosted a successful statewide webinar with over 650 participants from around the state
- Conducted two Health4AllKids implementation surveys of providers and
- Provided ongoing support with DHCS
- Created content for a dedicated website - [health4allkids.org](http://health4allkids.org) - among other communications and outreach activities



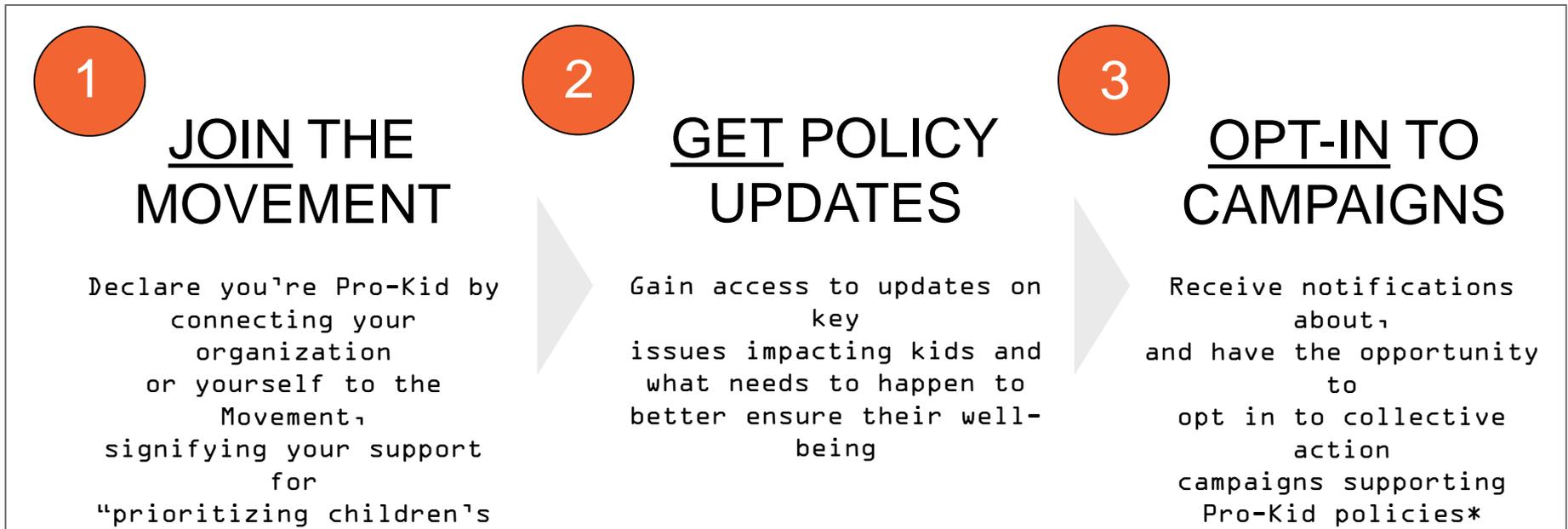
# Advocacy: Outside Grassroots Pressure

Over 2,200 organizations have joined the Movement already, including:



# Advocacy: The Children's Movement

*How does it work? Simply.*



health and education in public policymaking"

\*An organization or individual's name will never be used in support of any specific policy proposal unless they knowingly opt in to support it

# Resources

- [Protecting immigrant families in California](#): various resources covering health, child welfare, education, and early childhood.
- [2016 California Children's Report Card](#)
- [2016-2017 California County Scorecards](#):
  - [Imperial County](#)
  - [San Diego County](#)

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