
Conclusion

Family Resources
Documentation of Indicators



Whiteout is a cessation of depth perception, and near every other kind of perception, caused by a certain combination of snow cover, cloud cover, and diffused light from the snow. All at once, there is no horizon. Snow and sky are the same, and the whole world becomes an off-white.

Slim Randles, *Dogsled*
New York: Winchester Press, 1976

BOOKS

James Garbarino. *Lost Boys: Why Our Sons Turn Violent and How We Can Save Them*. Free Press: New York, 1999.
Describes methods to keep boys from becoming violent.

William J. Bennett, Chester E. Finn, and John T. Cribb. *The Educated Child: A Parent's Guide from Preschool through Eighth Grade*. Free Press: New York, 1999.
A guide for parents and teachers.

Linda Acredolo and Susan Goodwyn. *Baby Signs: How to Talk with Your Baby Before Your Baby Can Talk*. NTC Publishing Group: Chicago, 1996.
An illustrated guide to help parents communicate with infants.

T. Berry Brazelton. *Touchpoints: Your Child's Emotional and Behavioral Development*. Addison Wesley Longman, Inc.: Reading, MA, 1992.
A handbook of infant and early child development.

Jane Nelsen, Cheryl Erwin, and Roslyn Duff. *Positive Discipline for Preschoolers*, Second Edition. Prima Communications, Inc.: Roseville, CA, 1999.
Tools for teaching children to be responsible, respectful, and resourceful.

Gavin de Becker. *Protecting the Gift: Keeping Children and Teenagers Safe (and Parents Sane)*. Dell Publishing: Westminster, MD, 1999.

PHONE

Child Care Aware, 1-800-424-2246
Refers parents to licensed and accredited child care centers nationwide. Weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Central Standard Time (CST).

ChildHelp National Hotline, 1-800-4-A-Child
24-hour-a-day advice from counselors with graduate degrees.

National Parent Information Network, 1-800-583-4135
Answers, at no charge, from the country's largest database on parenting. Weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., CST.

Single-Parents Association, 800-704-2102
Refers parents to local resources and answers questions about parenting issues. Weekdays, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. CST

INTERNET

<http://child.cornell.edu>
The Child Abuse Prevention Network; a worldwide center for professionals in the field of preventing child abuse and neglect.

<http://www.singleparents.org>
Single-Parents Association. An international, nonprofit organization.

<http://www.familiesandwork.org>
Site of the Families and Work Institute

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/default.htm>
The National Center for Injury Prevention and Control; works to reduce disease, disability, and death, as well as costs associated with injuries.

<http://www.health.org>
A national clearinghouse for information on alcohol and drugs.

<http://www.nccic.org>
The National Child Care Information Center promotes links between and supports comprehensive services for children and families.

<http://www.childadvocacy.org/intro.html>
The National Association of Child Advocates helps build the capacity of state and local organizations that advocate for children.

<http://www.naeyc.org>
The National Association for the Education of Young Children.

<http://www.aecf.org>
Website of the Annie E. Casey Foundation

<http://www.ncjrs.org>
The Justice Information Center

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org>
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/nip>
National Immunization Program Web site

<http://cpmcnet.columbia.edu/dept/nccp>
National Center for Children in Poverty

<http://www.healthystart.net>
Healthy Start National Resource Center

<http://www.teenpregnancy.org>
National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

DOCUMENTATION OF INDICATORS

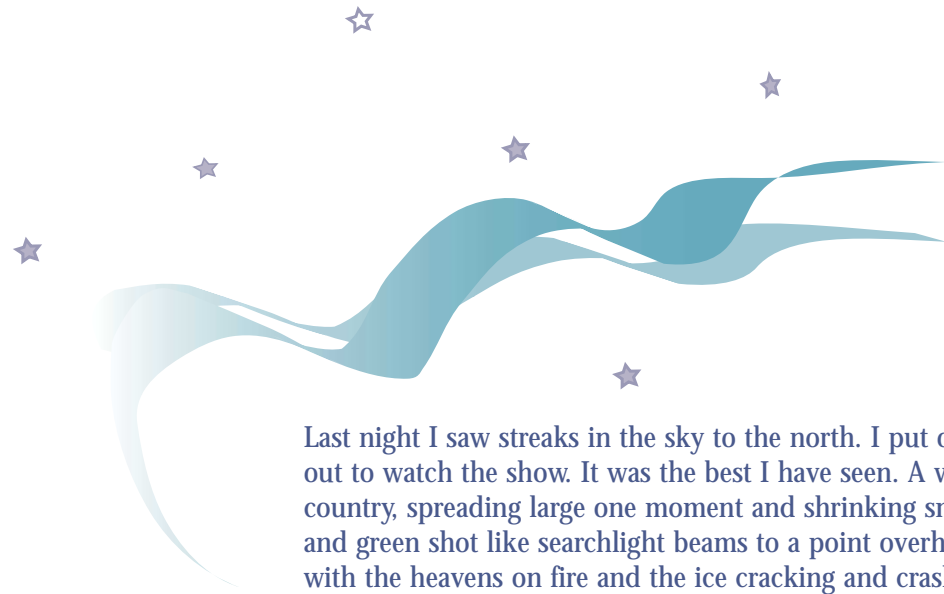
Indicator	What Indicator Measures	Source	Years Available	Geographic Breakdown	Gender Breakdown	Race Breakdown	Age Breakdown
Prenatal Care	Share of mothers in Alaska receiving inadequate prenatal care	Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics	80-97	*	All Years	All Years	89-97 only
Babies with Low Birth Weight	Percentage of babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds at birth	Casey Foundation; Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics	80-97	*	All Years	All Years	89-97 only
Infant Mortality	Deaths among infants under age 1	Casey Foundation; Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics	77-97	*	All Years	All Years	All Years
Children Living in Poverty	Children in families with incomes below the federal poverty threshold	Casey Foundation; Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics	80-96	Regional odd years	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Children Whose Parents Lack Full-time, Year-Round Employment	Percentage of children under age 18 living with parents who don't have full-time, year-round employment	Casey Foundation	90-99	Not Available	N/A	N/A	N/A
Families Headed by Single Parents	Percentage of families headed by single parents with children	Casey Foundation; U.S. Census Bureau	80-97	Regional 80 and 90	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Births to Teens	Births among teenage girls 15-19	Casey Foundation; Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics	80-98	*	All Years	All Years	All Years
High-School Dropouts	Teens (16-19) who are not in school and have not graduated	Casey Foundation; Alaska Department of Education and Early Development	80-97	School Districts	80,90	80,90	80,90
Teens Not in School and Not Working	Teens (16-19) not in school and without jobs	Casey Foundation	80-97	Not Available	All Years	All Years	All Years

DOCUMENTATION OF INDICATORS (CONTINUED)

Indicator	What Indicator Measures	Source	Years Available	Geographic Breakdown	Gender Breakdown	Race Breakdown	Age Breakdown
School Achievement	Achievement test scores of Alaskan students in 4th, 8th, and 11th grades	Alaska Department of Education and Early Development	95-99	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	By grades
Child Death Rate	Deaths among children 1-14	Casey Foundation Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics	77-97	*	All Years	All Years	All Years
Teen Violent Death Rate	Deaths from homicides, suicides, and accidents among teens 15-19	Casey Foundation; Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics	77-97	*	All Years	All Years	All Years
Child Abuse and Neglect	Reported and substantiated cases of child abuse among Alaska children under age 18	Alaska Division of Family and Youth Services	92-99	Not Available	All Years	All Years	All Years
Child Injuries	Alaskan children seriously injured or killed, by all causes	Alaska Division of Public Health, Section of Comm. and Emergency Medical Services	94-97	Regions	94-97	94-97	94-97
Juvenile Crime in Alaska	Arrests of juveniles 10-17 for violent crimes; Police referrals to DFYS of juveniles under 18	Casey Foundation; U.S. Census Bureau Alaska Division of Juvenile Justice	85-99	*	All Years	All Years	All Years
Health Risks	Prevalence of smoking and other behavior that risks health of high-school students	Youth Risk Behavior Survey; Alaska Departments of Health and Social Services and Education and Early Development	95 and 99	Not Available	95 and 99	95 and 99	By grades

*Indicator is available for *Kids Count* regions, boroughs, and census areas—but sometimes census area figures are too small to be meaningful.

Note: The Alaska Department of Labor provided statewide and regional population figures that we used to calculate 5-year average rates of indicators for Alaska and for its regions.



Last night I saw streaks in the sky to the north. I put on my cold-weather clothes and went out to watch the show. It was the best I have seen. A waving curtain of green hung over the country, spreading large one moment and shrinking small the next. Streaks of red, yellow, and green shot like searchlight beams to a point overhead. . . . All alone in the subzero cold, with the heavens on fire and the ice cracking and crashing around me. A savage scene, and one to remember.

Sam Keith, from the journals of Richard Proenneke
One Man's Wilderness
Originally published 1973; Reissued 1999
Anchorage: Alaska Northwest Books