

State of Delaware



Governor's Task Force for Financial Independence

The Child Poverty Task Force was established by Executive Order 101 on August 29, 2007 and has 25 members, including representatives from DOE, DHHS, DOL, the Kids Dept, DSHA and Family Court, as well as the four co-chairs of "Kid's Caucus", Office of the Child Advocate, Gov's Policy Advisor for Health, Gov's Policy Advisory for Education, three representatives from DE nonprofits that serve children and families, UD/CCRS, KIDS COUNT board member, State Chamber of Commerce, Metropolitan Wilmington, Urban League, City of Wilmington, one at large member appointed by President *Pro Tempore* of DE Senate and one at large member appointed by the Speaker of the DE House of Representatives.

The Child Poverty Task Force is charged with developing a 10 year plan to reduce the number of Delaware children living in poverty by 50% and to establish recommendations for prevention and intervention services in order to promote the health, safety and well-being of Delaware's children and families. The plan shall contain: identification and analysis of the occurrence of child poverty in the state, analysis of the long-term effects of child poverty, analysis of costs of child poverty to municipalities and the state, inventory of statewide public and private programs that address child poverty, percentage of target population served by such programs, identification and analysis of any deficiencies or inefficiencies of such programs, procedures and priorities for implementing strategies to achieve a 50% reduction in child poverty.

The Child Poverty Task Force is holding 7 meetings across the state to engage all Delawareans in a process that helps to better understand the scope of the problem and to come together in order to find solutions. Your participation is key to the process! Come to share your thoughts and ideas or to hear more about what is happening in Delaware. Attached you will find more information regarding the first of these community meetings which is scheduled for April 7th at St Michael's School and Nursery. If you are unable to join us at this meeting, hopefully you will be able to join them at one of the other dates/locations listed below.

April 7 – 5-8 pm, St Michael's School and Nursery, 700 N Walnut St., **Wilmington**, DE

April 14 – 5-8 pm, Calvary Baptist Church, 410 Fulton St., **Dover**, DE

April 21 – 5-8 pm, Wesley United Methodist Church, 102 East Laurel St., **Georgetown**, DE

April 28 – 5-8 pm, Greater Newark Boys and Girls Club, 1 Positive Place (Rte 40), **Bear**, DE

May 5 – 5-8 pm, DE Early Childhood Center, Mispillion and West Sts., **Harrington**, DE

May 12 – 5-8 pm, Western Sussex Boys and Girls Club, 310 Virginia Ave., **Seaford**, DE

May 19 – 5-8 pm, Latin American Community Center, 403 N. Van Buren St., **Wilmington**, DE



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