

## Children of Jefferson County 2009

### Poverty/Housing/Education

- 20% of children under age 18 live in poverty<sup>1</sup>
- Two-thirds of babies are born to low-income women (Medicaid-paid maternity care)<sup>2</sup>
- The number of new families with children age 3-18 using food banks increased an estimated 147% between 2007/08 and 2008/09<sup>3</sup>
- Children age 0-17 made up 30% of the homeless counted during the January 2009 Point in Time Count<sup>3</sup>
- 83% of high school students graduate on-time (in 4 years); 89% of high school students graduate in 4 or more years<sup>4</sup>

### General Health

- Nearly nine in ten children (88%) have some kind of health insurance<sup>5</sup>
- One-quarter of 8th and 10th graders are overweight or at risk for becoming overweight<sup>6</sup>
- 82% of 8th and 71% of 10<sup>th</sup> graders report vigorous physical activity at least 3 times per week<sup>6</sup>

### Mental Health

- More than one-quarter of 8th (27%) and one-third of 10th (30%) graders report having felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks in a row in the past year that they stopped some usual activities<sup>6</sup>
- One in ten 8th (11%) and one in five 10th (19%) graders report having seriously considered suicide in the past year<sup>6</sup>
- Sixty-nine percent of 8th and 52% of 10th graders report having adults to turn to when they're feeling sad or hopeless<sup>6</sup>
- Thirty-nine percent of 8th graders and 33% of 10th graders report never, seldom, or only sometimes enjoying school<sup>6</sup>
- Sixteen percent of Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) pregnant women have a history of mental illness, compared with five percent nationally<sup>7</sup>

### Violence/Abuse/Neglect

- About one in three 8th (31%) and 10th (28%) graders report having been bullied at least one time in the past month<sup>6</sup>
- More than one in three 8th (37%) and 10th (35%) graders report having been in one or more physical fights in the past year<sup>6</sup>
- About one in five 8th (21%) and 10th (16%) graders report not feeling safe at school<sup>6</sup>
- Fifty-nine percent of NFP pregnant women have a history of physical or emotional abuse/violence, compared to 29% nationally<sup>7</sup>
- About 5 in 100 children was involved in an accepted child abuse and neglect referral (CPS)<sup>8</sup>

## Substance Use

- Ten percent of 8th and 30% of 10th graders report using marijuana in the past 30 days<sup>6</sup>
- Seventeen percent of 8th and 44% of 10th graders report drinking alcohol in the past 30 days<sup>6</sup>
- Nine percent of 8th and 28% of 10th graders report being drunk at school in the past year<sup>6</sup>
- More than one in three (37%) pregnant teens report smoking during pregnancy compared to 1 in 5 pregnant women age 20 and older<sup>9</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> highest youth publicly funded marijuana treatment admission rate among Washington State counties<sup>10</sup>

## Reproductive Health

- Over forty percent of Jefferson County females age 15-19 access reproductive health services at JCPH<sup>11</sup>
- Jefferson County teen pregnancy rate is significantly lower than Washington State, Kitsap and Clallam Counties (2005-07)<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> US Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates 2008. Accessed at: <http://www.census.gov//did/www/saipe/> 11/8/2009.

<sup>2</sup>Department of Social & Health Services Research and Data Analysis. Accessed at: [http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/firststeps/Data/characteristics\\_of\\_washington\\_wo\\_county\\_2007.htm](http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/firststeps/Data/characteristics_of_washington_wo_county_2007.htm) 11/8/09.

<sup>3</sup> Olympic Community Action Programs Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment, 2009.

<sup>4</sup> Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction Graduation Rates by District. Accessed at: <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/DataDownload.aspx?schoolId=1&OrgTypeId=1&reportLevel=State&orgLinkId=> 11/10/09.

<sup>5</sup> Washington State Department of Health, Local Public Health Indicators. Accessed at: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/philphi/lhj/jefferson/access/access1.htm>, 11/10/09.

<sup>6</sup> Washington State Department of Health, Jefferson County Healthy Youth Survey 2008.

<sup>7</sup> Jefferson County Public Health Nurse Family Partnership data

<sup>8</sup> Washington State Department of Social & Health Services, Risk and Protection Profile for Substance Abuse and Prevention. Accessed at: <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/rda/research/risk.shtm>, 11/8/09.

<sup>9</sup> Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics. VistaPHw 7.3.0.4.

<sup>10</sup> Department of Social and Health Services Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Trends in Washington State, 2008. Accessed at: <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/DASA/Publications.shtm> 11/9/09.

<sup>11</sup> Jefferson County Public Health