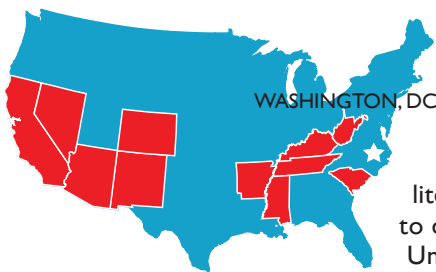


2015

U.S. PROGRAMS

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Since 1938, Save the Children U.S. Programs has worked within numerous states and with local organizations to design Sponsorship programs tailored to meet the unique and ever-changing needs of children. We currently work in 11 states, including Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Kentucky, Mississippi, New Mexico, Nevada, South Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia, in regions where



children face hardships daily. In 2015, poor access to quality education, poverty and obesity were just a few of these hardships. To address these difficulties, we placed an emphasis on teacher training, health education and literacy. Below you can see how we continue to do whatever it takes to give children in the United States a healthy start, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm.



Thanks to you, we reached **51,465** children and adults last year.


In 2015, you helped us achieve so much for children, giving them the best chance for a brighter future.



Last year, our **Early Steps to School Success** initiatives helped prepare **3,541** girls and boys ages 0-5 in 8 different states for school. 

37,865 girls and boys participated in our **supplemental literacy programs** in 88 sponsorship schools during the 2014-15 school year, setting them on a path of success. 

Thanks to your generous support, **67%** of children who participated regularly in **Sponsorship activities** demonstrated growth in **aerobic capacity**, a huge increase from 41% in 2014! 

With help from Sponsorship, **4,492** children and their parents participated in a **“Prep Rally”** to learn how to **prepare for emergencies**. 

2015 Child Sponsorship Programs: U.S. Programs

Results you made possible for children



Early Steps to School Success

- 81% of 3-year-olds scored higher than the national average on early language tests. With your help, we're coming a step closer to ensuring the most vulnerable American children have a chance to reach their full potential.
- Support from sponsors like you allowed us to conduct monthly visits to each child's home an average of 1.7 times. We also held an average of 13 parent meetings at each sponsorship school.
- Your support made it possible for children ages 3-5 to be introduced to an average of 101 developmentally appropriate, high-quality books over the course of the school year.
- Sponsorship ensured that girls and boys were read to 39 times per month on average, far exceeding expectations. Together, we're working to create a positive learning environment for children at home.



Literacy

- Thanks to you, 90% of emergent readers in kindergarten and first grade in Sponsorship-supported schools showed improved skills on our early literacy assessment, compared to 88% nationally.
- Our assessment also showed that 76% of children who

were reading below grade level became significantly better readers by participating regularly in Sponsorship-supported reading activities. This increase amounts to 4.8 months of extra schooling!

- You helped raise the average number of books read by girls and boys participating in our literacy initiatives from 69 in 2014 to 73 in 2015.
- The number of participants reading at grade level doubled from the beginning to the end of the school year.
- Your sponsorship supported 28 summer reading camps in 5 states attended by 899 children. 61% of the girls and boys who participated maintained or improved their reading.



Healthy Choices

- 9,933 children across 83 schools participated in Sponsorship-led activities to promote healthy eating during the 2014-2015 school year.
- Because of Sponsorship, girls and boys participated in an average of 29 minutes of physical activity per day. Your support also made it possible for children to receive a snack, meeting our health standards on 92% of the days they attended their Sponsorship-supported school.



Program Innovation

- 93% of children improved their knowledge of good nutrition, up from 68% last year.
- Thanks to you, classroom resource kits are being used to implement fun physical activity breaks throughout the school day. The kits benefit more than 13,800 girls and boys across 36 sponsorship schools. During 10 minutes of structured physical activity, schoolchildren learn about language arts, math, social studies, science and health.
- With your support, we launched our new Kinder Boost initiative in Kentucky last year. We provided 14 families with preschool children the opportunity to engage in early learning activities while becoming familiar with their new school environment and meeting school staff and classmates.
- Together, we launched a family engagement initiative in 6 schools during the 2014-15 school year. The project proved to be very successful, with activities and events benefiting over 1,400 families. We were even able to reach over 200 high-risk families in need of more focused support.



Thank you!

Want to hear more about the amazing work you and our community of sponsors accomplished all over the world last year? Read our 2015 Sponsorship Year in Review at SavetheChildren.org/Sponsor-Report.