

State of America Research Share

With a small group, you will summarize the status of California's children, focusing on either issues of health or education. You will develop a poster describing the highlights of your research and explain your findings to the class. Your primary source will be the information compiled by the organization Children Now in its annual publication, California Report Card 2011, found on the course website.

The assigned reading pages are: (page numbers are ones on actual document)

Everyone reads pages 1-3 and relevant recommendations from pages 4-23

- Education #1 - early learning (pgs 24-31)
- Education #1a - afterschool programs (pgs 24-25; 42-45)
- Education #2 - K-12 education (pgs 24-25; 32-41)
- Health # 1 - health coverage (pgs 46-53)
- Health #2 - oral health, asthma, mental health (pgs 46-47; 54-61)
- Health #3 - infant health, adolescent health (pgs 46-47; 62-65)
 - Health #3a adolescent health (pgs 46-47; 66-69) FOR SECTION 6 ONLY
- Cross System Issues - childhood obesity - (pgs 70, 75-79)
- Cross System Issues - child safety (pgs 70; 80-86)

Poster: In your poster, include these items:

- the main issues which are detailed in your topic(s) and why they are important
- the current statistics about the status of California children in this area
- how different populations are affected in regards to this issue
- recommendations (yours and/or Children Now's)
- names of community resource agencies that your group researched

You will have class time for preparing the poster, but you have to **come prepared for class, having read your assigned pages, and with notes on information that you think is essential to include in your poster.** (You will be graded on this preparation.) You might also want to bring in some pictures or other graphics

Community Resource Report: Research a local community agency that offers services in the area that you are studying for The State of America's Children. Visit, phone, or web-search the agency that you are describing and complete this template. Post your report under the relevant subject heading on Moodle. (10 points)

- Name of Agency: * Address: * Phone Number: * Internet address
- Purpose/Mission of Agency and what is offered to the community (be very specific in your explanation of the services provided)
- Specific Population Served
- Your Evaluation of Agency: (outreach, availability of resources, user-friendliness, effectiveness in the delivery of services, meeting community's needs, etc.)