# Project DIRECT Tier-II Service Learning at Agenda for Children

**KIDS COUNT Project** 

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# CBPR: Fundamental Aspects

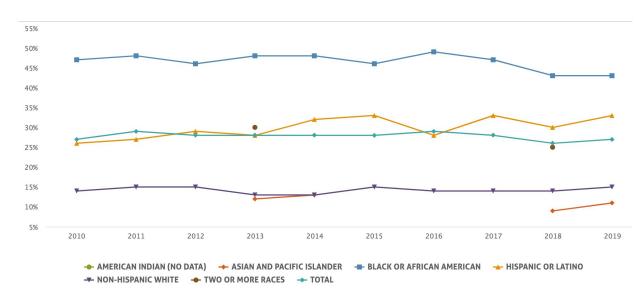
(Collins et al., 2018)

- Equal collaboration between researchers and community stakeholders
- Flexible research process shaped by the needs of the community
- Create positive, lasting social change

#### **National KIDS COUNT Data Center**

 Provides data about child well-being in the United States

 Informs policy and initiatives that benefit children



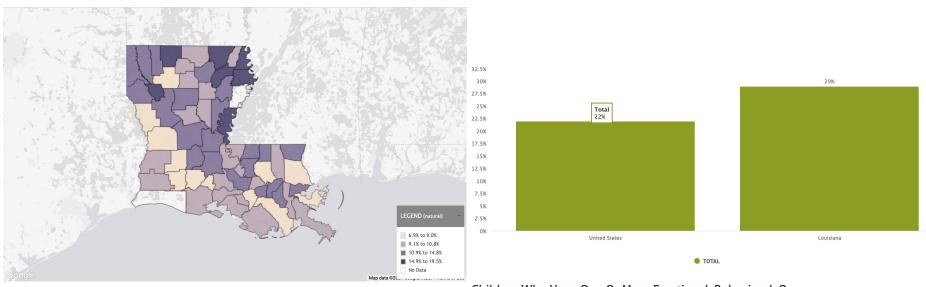
## Children In Poverty By Race And Ethnicity (Percent) - 2010-2019

National KIDS COUNT

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# Agenda for Children

#### Louisiana KIDS COUNT Grantee



Low Birthweight Babies (Percent) - 2019

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## **Independent Projects**

#### **Data Visualizations**

**Goal**: Research other child health organizations' approach to data visualization to inform Agenda for Children's presentations of KIDS COUNT data

### **Data Indicator Cataloging**

**Goal**: Compile list of other states' indicators to investigate gaps in Louisiana KIDS COUNT data

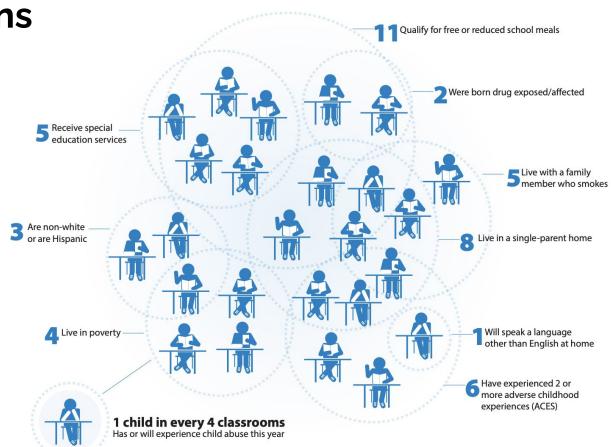
#### A Hypothetical Classroom of 25 First Graders in Maine

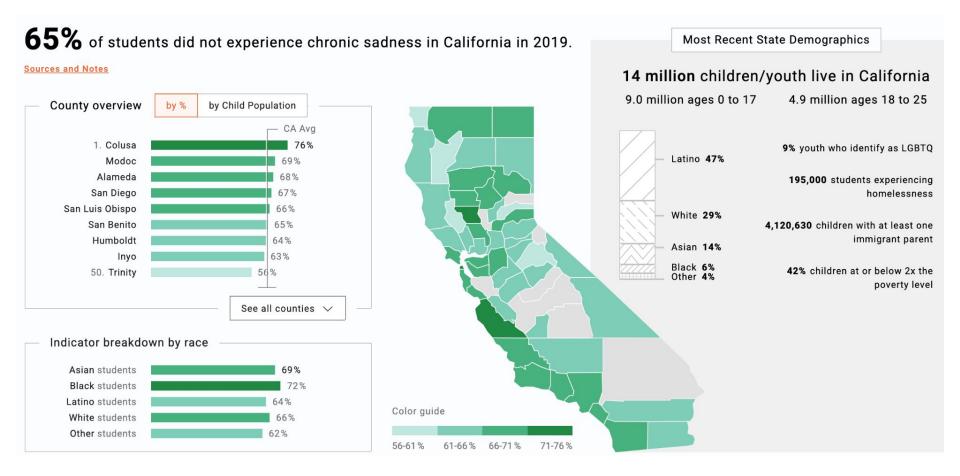
**Data Visualizations** 

Maine Children's Alliance (2019)

What does this graphic communicate well?

Ideas for Agenda's presentation of KIDS COUNT data





(Children Now, 2021)

# **Data Indicator Cataloging**

- ~800 indicators
- Identify gaps in research

DEMOGRAPHICS ECONOMIC WELL-BEING EDUCATION FAMILY & COMMUNITY

HEALTH SAFETY & RISKY BEHAVIORS RACE & ETHNICITY COVID-19

# **Data Indicator Cataloging**

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Total county population	Demographics	-	Basic Demograpl *	Χ					
Child under age 20 population	Demographics	-	Basic Demograpl *	Χ					
Pre-K children	Demographics	-	Basic Demograpl *	Χ					
Total Population by Race	Demographics	F.	Basic Demograpl 🔻				Χ		
Number of youth who identify as LGBTQ	Demographics	-	Basic Demograpl *					Χ	
Child Population (Under 18)	Demographics	-	Basic Demograpl *						
Child Population: American Community Survey (ACS), 2005-201	Demographics	-	Basic Demograpl *						
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### **Connections to CBPR**

- KIDS COUNT is a database of statistics (Census data)
- Provides insight into health disparities in LA
  - One main goal of CBPR: Improve community health outcomes and reduce health disparities (Collins et al., 2018)
- Can provide information about which communities need interventions
  - Important foundation for CBPR
- Important to collaborate with community members (use more than just large-scale descriptive data) (Collins et al., 2018; Minkler, 2004)

# **Learning Takeaways**

- Time, resources, and team work needed to create data centers such as KIDS COUNT
- Importance of presenting data in a straightforward, effective, accessible manner
- Need a variety of demographic, health, socioeconomic, educational, familial, and community indicators to paint a comprehensive picture of child well-being

# **Applications to School Psychology**

- Reminder of the importance of a holistic view of child well-being
  - Consider familial, community, and cultural factors that influence child outcomes
- School psychologists must employ an ecological, community-based approach to translate data into effective interventions (Nastasi et al., 2000)



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