



MS KIDS COUNT Summit Agenda  
February 25, 2009

- 8:30 – 9:00** Continental Breakfast & Registration
- 9:00 – 9:10** Welcome & Overview: Mississippi KIDS COUNT  
Welcome to the City of Meridian: Mayor Robert Smith  
Blessing for Mississippi's Children: Judge Veldore Young
- 9:10 – 9:30** Mississippi KIDS COUNT Data Book Release Video & 2008 Mississippi KIDS COUNT Successes/Recipients
- 9:30 – 10:30** ***The Science of Early Child Development: Implications for Social Policy***  
Dr. Lynn Davey, V.P., FrameWorks Institute  
Dr. Davey will share findings from the FrameWorks Institute's research with the Harvard Center for the Developing Child on how best to communicate the science of early development to inform decision-making that supports health futures for children.
- 10:30 – 10:45** Networking Break
- 10:45 – 11:30** ***A Child with a Dream...is a Child with a Future***  
Mr. Wintley Phipps, Founder, U.S. Dream Academy  
Mr. Phipps is a humanitarian and visionary who has traveled the globe inspiring others to realize their life goals.
- 11:30 – 12:45** **Seated Networking Luncheon by Geographic Region**  
**Moving Mississippi's Children Forward: Education, Economic Well-Being, Health & Safety**  
Moderator: Ms. Dorothy Roberts McEwen, Assistant Director, South MS Regional Center  
Dr. Lana Seivers, Director, MS Center for Education Innovation  
Ms. Lori Woodruff, Deputy Director for MS Department of Human Services, Division of Family & Children Services  
Dr. Edward Ivancic, MS Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics  
Dr. Marianne Hill, Senior Economist & Commissioner, State of Mississippi, Institutions of Higher Learning

12:50 – 2:10

## Breakout Sessions: Mississippi Success Stories & Lessons Learned

### Education:

Moderator: Mr. Gary Blair, Vice President/Relationship Manager, Southern AgCredit

Ms. Joann Mickens, Parents for Public Education

Sr. Teresa Shields, Director, Jonestown Learning Center

Ms. Rebecca Combs, Executive Director, The Phil Hardin Foundation

Ms. Judi Holfield, MS Arts Commission, Whole Schools Initiative

### Health:

Moderator: Dr. Mary Gayle Armstrong, Medical Director, Public Health District 5, MS State Department of Health

Ms. Valerie Long, RN, FNP, BC, Executive Director, CATCH KIDS

Mr. Wade Overstreet, Director, BC/BS Foundation

Ms. Cheryl Moore, Principal, Amory Middle School

### Economic Well-Being:

Moderator: Mr. Tom Pittman, President, Community Foundation of Northwest MS

Mr. Mike Clayborne, Director, CREATE Foundation

Dr. Laurie Smith, Director, Mississippi Building Blocks

Dr. Jason Dean, V.P. for Economic Policy, Mississippi Economic Council

Ms. Sharon Upshaw, Youth Coordinator, Quitman County Development Organization

### Safety:

Moderator: Ms. Patti Marshall, Assistant Attorney General, Director, Crime Prevention & Victim Services

Judge Michael McPhail, County Court Judge, Forrest County

Mr. John Reynolds, University of Southern Mississippi

Ms. Lori Woodruff, Deputy Director for MS Department of Human Services, Division of Family & Children Services

Ms. Josie Brown, Director, Forrest County Court Team for Maltreated Infants and Toddlers

2:10 – 2:25

Break

2:25 – 3:30

### *Next Steps for Moving Mississippi's Children Forward*

Mr. Noel Bravo, Senior Associate Policy Matters Project Center for the Study of Social Policy. Mr. Bravo has 15 years of experience advising policymakers and advocates on policy that improves the lives of children and families.

3:30 – 3:45

Closing Comments/Reactions

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