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Child Well-Being in the States

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We all know the life chances of children are vastly improved when they are the top priority of supportive families and communities. While all states provide a basic network of social programs to assist vulnerable children and families, a huge gap exists on a wide variety of child well-being indicators.

The state they live in should not adversely influence the life and death of children—but it does. Such inequalities affect all Americans, rich and poor alike, and weaken both our economy and our democracy.

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