For Our Children Stats:

* According to the U.S. Department of Labor, nearly two-thirds of the new jobs created between 2006-2016 will be in occupations that require postsecondary education or considerable on-the-job training, while jobs requiring routine manual tasks will continue to decrease.
* Wages for careers that require higher levels of education and training will outpace non-degreed jobs with the average college graduate earning 77% more than the typical high school graduate.
* Students who fail school are three times more likely to be unemployed, and twice as likely to be working poor.
* Half of single moms did not complete high school.
* Children born to poverty are five times more likely to live in poverty as an adult.
* High school dropouts are 50% more likely to be arrested, and 63 times more likely to be incarcerated.
* Each year of schooling prior to age 35 increases life span by two years.
* Female dropouts will live an average of 10.5 fewer years than females who graduate from high school.
* Male dropouts will live an average of 13 fewer years than males who graduate from high school.