Kentucky Youth Advocates is the independent voice for Kentucky kids.

Our vision is to make Kentucky the best place in America to be young.
How KENTUCKY Ranks

37th
Overall Child Well-Being

41st
Economic Well-Being

27th
Education

42nd
Health

41st
Family and Community
Kentucky Children Living in Poverty

22%
Systemic Racial Disparities: Children Living in Poverty

- White: 19%
- Hispanic: 30%
- Black: 32%
Kentucky Children *Not* Proficient in Reading
Systemic Racial Disparities: Children *Not* Proficient in Reading

- **White**: 61%
- **Hispanic**: 75%
- **Black**: 86%
- **Two or More Races**: 67%
#1 Highest rate of child victims of abuse or neglect (23.5 per 1000)

#3 3rd highest rate of children who have had an incarcerated parent (12%)

#1 Highest rate of children being raised by kin outside of the foster care system—primarily by grandparents (8%—81,000 kids)
“I’m the only person I know that hasn’t hit on a Juul. I’ve probably seen it three times today in the classroom.”
—Teen in focus group

“My parents don’t know anything about them.”
—Teen in focus group

Ending E-Cigarette Use
Children with Health Insurance

Children Ages 10 - 17 Who Are Overweight or Obese

96%

37%
WE ARE THE FUTURE of KENTUCKY