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New Website Makes Data and Information About Larimer County's Kids a Click Away

Larimer County, CO—Larimer County's vast array of community resources became larger today.

A new website, (<http://www.healthylarimer.org/snapshot>) which contains data and statistics in a variety of categories about the health and well-being of Larimer County's residents, birth to 18 years of age, was launched today by the Healthier Communities Coalition of Larimer County (HCC).

"This is a fabulous new resource for our community," said Lise Youngblade, Colorado State University Department of Human Development and Family Studies department head and HCC president. "Policymakers, educators and other professionals who work with kids and families now have a broad array of easily accessible data to guide and support their work that's only a click away."

The site's content is taken from a report HCC released last July – *The State of Children and Youth in Larimer County*. However, the online database includes features the report doesn't. In addition to having many ways to search for information and direct links to original data sources, the site highlights local agencies or groups that are addressing specific issues. Additionally, the database will be kept current and expanded to include new categories of information.

"Current local data can be very difficult to find and even more difficult to know when it's been updated," said Ruth Lytle-Barnaby, executive director, Poudre Valley Health System Foundation. "This resource is one to which our community members can go at any time and find the most updated data that reflects our kids' health, saving them time and effort."

Kim Sharpe, HCC coordinator, added, "When we released our report last summer, we knew some of its data soon would be obsolete given how quickly statistics change. This new online version of the Snapshot is so exciting, because we can keep it up to date and add new data when it becomes available. We'll work with Snapshot users to make the site as useful to them as possible."

"HCC's Snapshot" data bank is so named because it's a point-in-time picture of how our kids are doing today.

"I encourage everyone who cares about our community's kids to use this one-stop-shop to acquire information about their well-being, identify gaps where services could be provided and learn who's already working on certain issues," Youngblade said.

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The Healthier Communities Coalition of Larimer County (HCC) is a coalition of nonprofit, government, business and citizen leaders focused on improving the health and well-being of our children and youth. HCC does this by serving as a relationship broker, networker, communicator, convener, facilitator, researcher and capacity builder for the family and youth service providers throughout Larimer County. HCC was established in 1994 and is located in Fort Collins, Colorado. The Poudre Valley Health System Foundation serves as HCC's fiscal agent.

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