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NEW REPORT EXAMINES THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS KIDS
Texas State Senator and Former San Antonio City Council Member Join Line Up

(San Antonio, TX)– The Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP) will host its annual Texas Kids Count breakfast briefing Thursday, April 5, 2012 at the Omni San Antonio Hotel Colonnade. The event, sponsored by Methodist Healthcare Ministries, will feature Texas Kids Count Director Dr. Frances Deviney, and a panel of community experts who will examine findings from the newly released *Choices: The State of Texas Children 2012*. The briefing is expected to draw local and state children's advocacy and health policy experts, as new data is unveiled that shows how Bexar County and Texas children fare in comparison to the nation.

Dr. Deviney will present the key findings from The State of Texas Children, which offers a county-by-county perspective on issues ranging from poverty, food scarcity, and teen birth rates. Invited panelists include State Representative Mike Villarreal; State Senator Leticia Van de Putte; Senior Vice President for United Ways of San Antonio and Bexar County, Toni Van Buren; President of American Sunrise and former San Antonio City Council member, Mary Alice Cisneros; and Associate Director of Policy Reform and Advocacy at The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Dennis Campa.

To arrange an interview with Dr. Deviney please contact CPPP Communications Director Brian Stephens at (512) 565-320-0222 x 112. NOWCastSA will webcast the event for those unable to attend in person, making it possible to watch and participate live on any computer or mobile device with Internet access. To view the webcast go to www.nowcastsa.com. Video from the event will be archived on the site.

MEDIA ADVISORY

- WHO:** Dr. Frances Deviney, Texas Kids Count Director, Center for Public Policy Priorities
F. Scott McCown, Executive Director, Center for Public Policy Priorities
Kevin C. Moriarty, President & CEO, Methodist Healthcare Ministries
Mike Villarreal, State Representative, D-San Antonio
Leticia Van de Putte, State Senator, D-District 26
Toni Van Buren, Senior Vice President for United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County
Mary Alice Cisneros, President, American Sunrise and former San Antonio City Council Member
Dennis Campa, Associate Director of Policy Reform and Advocacy, The Annie E. Casey Foundation
- WHAT:** Annual Texas Kids Count breakfast briefing and release of *Choices: The State of Texas Children 2012*
- WHEN:** Thursday, April 5, 2012
Dr. Deviney available for interviews at 8:30 a.m.; program begins at 9:00 a.m.
- WHERE:** Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade, Grand Ballroom ABC (1st floor)
9821 Colonnade Boulevard, San Antonio, TX 78230

The Kids Count San Antonio breakfast briefing is generously sponsored by the Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc. and the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

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