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### ACNJ Set to Release Newark Kids Count

The 2010 release of ACNJ's Newark KIDS COUNT, a profile of child well-being in New Jersey's largest city, is set for Nov. 10, 2010.

This year, we feature a special section on charter schools, along with an expanded education section. It is our hope this information can be used to guide discussions over how to reform public education in Newark.

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### Training Educators to Lead the PreK-3rd Grade Movement

ACNJ, in partnership with the NJ Department of Education and the New Jersey Principal and Supervisors Association, is training educators to be leaders in the movement to create strong early learning systems. [Read more...](#)

### Newark Coalition Kicks Off Anti-Poverty Efforts

Newark leaders, residents and volunteers recently kicked off annual efforts to help Newark residents claim valuable tax credits and learn other ways to build financial security.

The Newark Asset Building Coalition, a powerful group of business, civic and community leaders, provides tax assistance, financial education and other avenues to help Newark residents build assets. [Read more...](#)

### Lessons Learned in the Sandbox

Three children are playing in a sandbox together. What can you learn by watching them?

Plenty, says Dr. Sam Meisels, a national expert on assessing young children's learning, who was the keynote speaker at an Oct. 1 training

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conference on PreK-3rd grade success. [Read more...](#)

## Congress Should Follow NJ's Lead on Early Learning

Congress is currently considering updating the key legislation that governs K-12 public education -- the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Noticeably missing from the current law, more commonly known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB), is a comprehensive early learning agenda that spans from preschool through 3rd grade. [Read more...](#)

## Watch the Mail!

Our annual appeal will be coming your way in the next couple of days. ACNJ accepts no government funding for its advocacy work, freeing us to focus solely on the children. Your tax-deductible donation helps thousands of children across New Jersey have enough food to eat, stay healthy, attend good schools and live in safe, secure families.

Together, we can make a difference for children and families throughout New Jersey.

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