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Report: Too Many Children In Pa. Have Odds Against Them

One-third of the children in Pennsylvania rely on the federal or state government for health insurance, and half of Pennsylvania's rural children live in low-income families.

The information comes from "The State of the Child in Pennsylvania 2004," a report released Wednesday by Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children.

PPC President and CEO Joan Benso said the data in this year's report shows that it doesn't necessarily matter where children live.

Benso said too many children in rural, urban and even supposedly comfortable suburban areas of Pennsylvania have the odds stacked against them before they even enter school.

PPC issues the report every two years as part of its efforts to focus attention on the challenges facing Pennsylvania children and families.

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