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Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Leadership Application

OICA MISSION STATEMENT

OICA provides leadership throughout the state to stimulate change for children and youth. OICA affirms the value and vulnerability of children and youth by raising awareness of their needs, and by promoting public policies, programs and preventive strategies to ensure that they reach their full potential.



Do You Want to Make a Difference for Kids?



Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Leaders
Make a Difference

LEADERS BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

Members of the Kids Count Leadership Class work locally and across the state with others who are interested in improving the lives of Oklahoma's children and youth. Leaders have the opportunity to network with policymakers, community leaders, social service providers and concerned citizens.

LEADERS HELP SOLVE PROBLEMS

One tenet of KIDS COUNT is that local people solve local problems. Each Leader receives technical assistance and leadership training to support them in their role as a resource person on children and youth issues. Individuals who are a part of KIDS COUNT guide their own communities toward creating a better life for children and youth.

LEADERS WORK FOR CHILDREN

Children and youth are our voiceless, voteless citizens. KIDS COUNT Leaders elevate public awareness of pertinent issues on behalf of children and youth. Through media releases and events, community meetings, Child Watch Visits, Round Table discussions and other publicity activities, Leaders generate public interest and provide helpful information on issues important to children and youth.

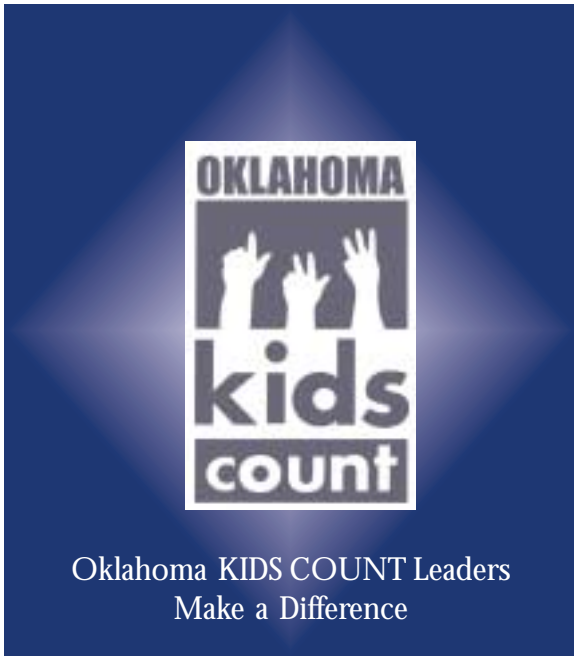
LEADERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

They are Leaders who care about children and youth. They lead others to the cause. The work that they do lifts them up as role models to all members of the community. Through Oklahoma KIDS COUNT, they have the resources, connections and support to improve the lives of children and youth.

Individuals from all racial, ethnic, religious, socioeconomic, professional and political backgrounds, from high school age to senior citizens are encouraged to apply.

KIDS COUNT Leaders must be available to attend the **KIDS COUNT Advocacy Camp** which will be held the first Friday and Saturday in August.

The year round application process for Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Leadership is easy! **Applications must be postmarked on or before the third Monday in June.** Please contact Ann Patterson Salazar at 405/236-5437 extension 102 or apsalazar@oica.org if you have any questions.



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Mail to: OICA, 420 NW 13, Ste. 101, OKC, OK 73103

Name: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____ County: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Race/Ethnicity: _____

Please provide the following information on additional pages and attach them to this form. Resumes may be submitted.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- ◆ School(s) from which you graduated, Location, Year of Graduation
- ◆ Honors, Awards, and Memberships from School(s)

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND

- ◆ Present Employer, Present Title or Position, Length of time you have worked there
- ◆ Name of Supervisor and her/his contact information, including: business address, phone and fax
- ◆ Previous Employers, Name of position held

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- ◆ Professional Organizations, Activities, Honors, and Awards
- ◆ Community, Civic, Athletic, Cultural, Volunteer or Other Organizations

KIDS COUNT INVOLVEMENT

Please respond to the following statements on a separate piece of paper and attach to this form. Please limit your responses to 3-5 sentences.

Describe what you expect to gain or learn as an Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Leader.

Explain why you want to participate in the Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Leadership Class.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please obtain two letters of recommendation. If you are employed, we request that one of the recommendations be from your employer/supervisor. Please request that those individuals writing the letters include their telephone number. They may mail their letters directly to: Oklahoma KIDS COUNT, 420 NW 13th, Ste. 101, OKC, OK 73103, Attn: Ann Patterson Salazar.

COMMITMENT

The KIDS COUNT Leadership Class consists of Advocacy Camp (the first Friday and Saturday in August, attendance at the Fall Legislative Forum (in October), and five training sessions. Each Leader receives technical assistance from OICA to conduct a project benefiting children and/or youth.

COSTS

The actual cost for this ten-month Leadership Class is \$350. However, OICA does not exclude anyone from participating solely on the basis of ability to pay any fees. Financial arrangements and limited assistance can be made available. Leaders do receive generous discounts on OICA materials and services.

I understand the commitment required of participants of the Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Leadership class. I hereby give OICA the right to make inquiries regarding the information provided herein.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____