

Babies Count is coming to Wisconsin, and your partnership is critical to our success.

Babies Count is a national registry of children ages birth to 36 months with visual impairments that works with public and private agencies to gather information regarding children, their visual conditions, and the programs created to support them and their families.

Information from this database has been used to make policy and budget decisions, to expand programs, to



drive medical and educational research, and to track the changing face of blindness of children in our country today. This data is needed in the state of Wisconsin to help improve our early intervention programs for children with visual impairments, their families, and their providers. Babies Count, created in 1995, is the only national database in the US to collect epidemiologic and demographic information on infants and toddlers between the ages of birth and 36 months who are blind or visually impaired.

Here's how your agency can support Babies Count:

- 1. Fill out this brief contact form with your information, so we can get you started. https://forms.gle/CA4AkPWYFbmhV57XA
- 2. Visit <u>www.babiescount.org</u> to learn more about Babies Count and view the most recent data analysis.
- 3. Contact the WI Babies Count Coordinator with questions or to learn more: Colleen Kickbush, WI Babies Count Coordinator <u>BabiesCountWI@gmail.com</u> or 414-403-8683



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