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Clatsop County children don't fare as well as others

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affecting kids' health

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A statistical snapshot of children in Clatsop County, prepared by Children First of Oregon, shows that children aren't faring as well as those living elsewhere in Oregon.

The Portland-based nonprofit child advocacy organization gathered data in 23 categories, ranging from early care and education to

financial stability, for all of Oregon's 36 counties.

This is the 13th year Children First has released the report, which compares this year's data for the county to the data collected over the past five years and to the state's overall average.

"In Clatsop County, one of the things we worry about is the availability of child care," said Cathy Kaufmann, policy and communications director for Children First.

"When you have 13 child care slots for every 100 children, that's an important indicator. If parents

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