

You have no doubt seen countless maps that show the risks and problems facing Philadelphia's children. Most tell us little about how our communities can address and overcome those challenges. Instead, they paint a dismal picture that leaves many feeling powerless.

Philadelphia has many assets that can and do mitigate the risks our children face every day. Risks can directly impact the social mobility, life expectancy, and the overall health and well-being of children in Philadelphia. In fact, there is a 20-year difference in average life expectancy for people born in different parts of Philadelphia.

We have invested in identifying how the key assets – the things that make our neighborhoods strong – are distributed relative to the risks facing children in each of Philadelphia's ten Council Districts.

It will be no surprise to you that there are inequities among districts. For example:

- District 7 has **the highest percentage of children** and the **highest level of risk** among all Council Districts.
- District 1 has the **fewest percentage of children** and the **highest or best cumulative score** when assets and risks are combined.

We have no choice but to look beyond the problems and take an asset-based, data-driven approach to solving the problems that put our children at risk and limit their potential and life expectancy. Although we rank the districts from best to worst, all districts have some level of risk to address and assets to strengthen.

The city summary and 10 district maps can be a catalyst for you and others who understand the critical importance of investing in our children's future. We hope you will take into account the implications of this data and join us in strengthening the assets available to our children and families.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these conclusions and why they matter. We also welcome your input on what is missing.

Thank you for your leadership on behalf of Philadelphia's children.



Joe Pyle
President, Scattergood Foundation



Robert Cheetham
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“The Foundation’s report provides an invaluable guide by which our city can help make more informed and proactive decisions to improve programs and care for all of Philadelphia’s children and adolescents.”

David Rubin, MD, MSCE, director of PolicyLab and Population Health Innovation at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

“This will help elected officials and their staff to make data driven decisions and focus efforts on where they are most needed in our city.”

Omar Woodard, Executive Director of GreenLight Fund.