

REP DAVIS INTRODUCES BILL TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN CHILDREN

WASHINGTON, DC (April 15, 2011) - Rep. danny k. davis (D-IL) issued the following statement ON THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CHILDREN'S BUDGET ACT

Today, Congressman Danny K. Davis (D-IL) introduced the Children's Budget Act to require the President to provide a detailed account of all the federal funding for children. Davis said, "As policy makers, we have the ability and responsibility to provide a strong foundation for our youngest citizens to grow into the achievers and leaders of tomorrow. Given that our children are a national priority, we need to measure our federal spending so that we can understand if our choices disproportionately harm or protect our children. Precedent already exists for examining the federal budget based on key areas of interest, including spending on programs related to homeland security, meteorology, climate, and drug control. Surely we should examine how our budget choices affect children.

A Children's Budget is critical now more than ever, with so many of our children and youth bearing the brunt of our nation's economic hardship. In 2009, 20.7% of children lived below the poverty line in our nation, with a staggering 35.5% of children in my Congressional District experiencing poverty in 2009. The Children's Budget Act will help guide policymakers in making the health and well-being of our children a national priority. Careful analysis of our spending today helps us improve our efforts for tomorrow."

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