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**JACKSONVILLE CHILDREN'S COMMISSION RELEASES
ANNUAL REPORT ON STATE OF CITY'S CHILDREN
*2009 report focuses on racial and ethnic disparities***

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. Jan. 12, 2009 — Mayor John Peyton, City Council member Michael Corrigan and the Jacksonville Children's Commission joined today for the release the *2009 State of Jacksonville's Children: Racial and Ethnic Disparities Report*, which highlights disparities in opportunities and outcomes among children of different races living in Jacksonville.

To obtain a copy of the report, visit www.jaxkids.net and click on the "Community Information and Resources" button or call the Commission at (904) 630-3647.

Since 2005, the Commission has created an annual, in-depth *State of the Child Report*. Each report has identified what our child population looks like, where they live, their poverty status, health status, educational attainment and other well-being indicators for children and how well - or poorly - our children are faring.

The 2009 report focuses on the statistical trends revealed in the *2007 Profile Report: Jacksonville Child Trends & Statistics, 1990-2005* and addresses the negative outcomes closely tied to Health Zone 1 — Jacksonville's urban core.

The information in the report can provide the first step in framing a relevant conversation on exactly where the city's child inequalities exist and how they can be best addressed.

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