PARTNERS & PROCESS
- State School Nurse Consultant & School Nurses
- Family and Community Trust (FACT), the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) KIDS COUNT grantee in Missouri
- Missouri Community Partnerships
- MU Center for Family Policy and Research

COLLABORATIVE OUTCOMES
- Lifted up the essential role of school nurses as gatekeepers of student health.
- Presented student health data collected by school nurses through user-friendly infographics and complemented with inspiring stories.
- Strengthened relationships between Community Partnerships and school nurses.
- Opened communication lines between school nurses and with stakeholders.
- FACT, through Community Partnerships, reinstated regional school nurse meetings to support professional development.
- Missouri KIDS COUNT introduced the concept of ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) to State School Nurse Consultant, resulting in a school nurse education webinar series using the Missouri Telehealth network.
- Validated the work of school nurses which fostered their confidence about their impact on children.
- Missouri KIDS COUNT served as an agent in bringing together school nurses and the state Medicaid agency.

SUMMARY
- Before our partnership was developed, we were individually interested in promoting child well-being and understood the importance of making data-informed decisions.
- Open communication and mutual respect were essential for the success of our partnership and products.
- A shared understanding of the message we wanted to convey, in combination with research and data expertise, made our message effective.

RECOMMENDATIONS
- Connect with your State School Nurse Consultant.
- Find the KIDS COUNT organization in your state.
- Learn about the student health data collected by school nurses in your state.
- Partner with organizations and advocates interested in promoting child well-being.
- Effectively communicate with partners to develop a shared vision regarding products.