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**CHILD WELFARE EXPERT SCOTT MCCOWN TO RELEASE  
SNAPSHOT OF EL PASO/BORDER KIDS  
AT BRIEFING/COMMUNITY MEETING**

***To Set Up an Advance Interview, Call 512-320-0222, x112***

**Austin, TX**— On Monday, Feb. 7, Scott McCown, Executive Director of the Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP)—recently named by *Texas Monthly* as one of the "25 Most Powerful People in Texas Politics"—will release ***Border KIDS COUNT: A Snapshot of Southwest Border Children***. An initiative of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, *Border KIDS COUNT* is the first-ever county-by-county benchmark of child well-being.

Following the release, CPPP and the Annie E. Casey Foundation will honor El Paso County Judge Dolores Briones for her commitment to improving the lives of Texas children. El Paso leaders will then gather for a community-wide discussion about the social, cultural, economic, and physical circumstances faced by border children.

**WHAT:** Official Release of ***Border KIDS COUNT:  
A Snapshot of Southwest Border Children***

**WHO:** ***The Honorable Dolores Briones, El Paso County Judge  
Scott McCown, Executive Director, CPPP  
Salvador Balcorta, CEO, Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe, Inc.  
Ana Marie Argilagos, Senior Consultant,  
Annie E. Casey Foundation***

**WHEN:** Monday, February 7, 2005  
12:30-1:00 p.m. Advance Media Access to Speakers  
1:00 p.m. Release  
2:00 p.m. Community Discussion

**WHERE:** La Fe Cultural & Technology Center (Rear Bldg.)  
721 South Ochoa Street, El Paso, TX

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*Border KIDS COUNT* is sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the nation's most authoritative source of comprehensive, timely and relevant data on child well-being. The Center for Public Policy Priorities is a think tank committed to improving the lives of low- and moderate-income Texans.