

About Ted Groves



Ted Groves served as the Kids Count Director for Voices for Virginia’s Children from 2012 to 2016. In this role, he updated and maintained the Kids Count Data Center, an online database of more than 100 indicators of child well-being for all Virginia localities. He was known for his expertise with our vast Kids Count Data Center and his desire to help others understand the needs of children. Ted was instrumental in disaggregating this data by race and ethnicity whenever possible to highlight inequities. He also worked on a long-term project to analyze child well-being by both race and place, knowing that where a child grows up in Virginia, as well as his or her race or ethnicity, could have serious implications for well-being and future prosperity. Ted was instrumental in helping Voices consider the issue of racial inequities for children in health, education and other domains. He was eager to have conversations about the effects of racial inequity, systemic racism, and concentrated poverty, driven by a desire for all children to thrive. One of Ted’s favorite sayings was the traditional Masai warrior greeting: “And how are the children?” The Masai use it because they believe the well-being of their children indicates the well-being of their culture. Ted’s energy, enthusiasm, and passion for the well-being of Virginia’s children will be greatly missed.