



## **“How Are Our Children Doing? Results from the Child Well-Being Index”**

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### **Speaker Information**

**Kenneth C. Land** is the John Franklin Crowell Professor of Sociology at Duke University, where he also holds the titles of Senior Research Fellow in the Center for Demographic Studies and Senior Fellow in the Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development. Dr. Land received his Ph.D. in Sociology and Mathematics at the University of Texas at Austin in 1969 and was a Social Science Research Council Post-Doctoral Fellow in Mathematical Statistics at Columbia University in 1969-70. During the next three years, Dr. Land was a staff associate at the Russell Sage Foundation and an instructor in sociology at Columbia University.

At the Russell Sage Foundation, he worked with Dr. Eleanor Bernert Sheldon on the Indicators of Social Change for the United States project. This work subsequently resulted in the *Social Indicator Models* book (co-edited with Seymour Spilerman) published in 1975 by the Foundation. This volume continues to be cited for guidelines on the construction and analysis of social indicators. Since 1973, Dr. Land has been a member of the faculties of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1973-81), the University of Texas at Austin (1981-86) and Duke University. From 1986 to 1997, he also chaired the Department of Sociology at Duke.

Dr. Land is well known for his scholarship and research in the development and application of mathematical and statistical models in sociology, demography, criminology, and social indicators/quality-of-life studies. In the field of social indicators and quality-of-life studies, Dr. Land has developed models for the construction, analysis, and forecasting of social indicators and the quality of life. Most recently, he has led a project on the development of summary indexes for measuring trends in child and youth well-being in the United States.

Dr. Land is the author of over 100 journal articles and other research publications on these topics. He has been elected a fellow of the American Statistical Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Sociological Research Association, and the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies. In 1997, he received the Paul F. Lazarsfeld Award from the Methodology Section of the American Sociological Association.