Child well-being policies have a key role to play in ensuring that all children get a good start to life and are well prepared for our fast-changing world. Developing effective child well-being policies cannot happen unless policymakers have solid evidence on child well-being at their disposal. Though the state of child data has improved greatly in recent decades, critical gaps still exist in national and cross-national data. We are still some way from policymakers having the data they need to properly understand what is going on in children’s lives and to detect emerging problems and vulnerabilities early on. By working together and having a shared understanding of what matters for child well-being, governments, international organisations, and the wider international statistical and policy communities can make progress in closing child data gaps.

This virtual high-level roundtable will bring together representatives, experts and stakeholders from across OECD countries who have taken action to put child well-being at the top of the policy agenda. They will discuss their ongoing progress, the types of actions they think are most relevant to ensure that the needs of children are well understood and properly assessed, as well as how we can improve our child well-being policy monitoring and steering efforts. This will also be the opportunity for the OECD to present its new report *Measuring What Matters for Child Well-being and Policies*, which lays the groundwork for improved child well-being measurement and better data to inform better child well-being policies. The new report provides timely insights into priorities for child data collection and measurement as countries begin to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Priorities highlighted include overcoming the poor data coverage of children in the most marginalised situations as well as properly capturing protective factors in children’s families and neighbourhoods that promote resilience in children at times when the odds are stacked against them.

The event will be open to all, including media, civil society, policy professionals, academics, statisticians, and others interested in this important agenda.

To register for the event, please go to: [https://bit.ly/3fW32CA](https://bit.ly/3fW32CA)

**Agenda**

11:00 Opening remarks by **Ulrik Vestergaard Knudsen**, OECD Deputy Secretary-General

11:07 Remarks by The Right Honourable **Jacinda Ardern**, Prime Minister and Minister for Child Poverty Reduction, New Zealand (pre-recorded video)

11:12 Presentation of key findings from the report by **Romina Boarini**, Director of the OECD WISE Centre

11:32 Roundtable discussion and reactions from OECD countries, including:

- **Katarina Ivankovic-Knezevic**, Director of Social Affairs, Directorate for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- **Richie Poulton**, Chief Science Advisor to the Minister for Child Poverty Reduction, New Zealand
- **Representative from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland (tbc)**
- **Dorothy Adams**, Former Chief Executive Officer, Social Well-Being Agency, New Zealand

12:15 Questions from participants

12:30 End of the event