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Dear Reader and Viewer,

We are delighted to announce that *Our Kids: Narrowing the Opportunity Gap* will begin airing on NHPBS Explore Channel (11.2) on Sunday, April 7th at 11am. New Hampshire is featured in the first episode. The 4-part series will air on April 7th and then, for the next 3 consecutive Sundays at 11am: April 14, 21 and 28. Please set your recorders. And please contact your local public television station to gently request that they air the series; we recognize that every station may not take all programs; we also urge that the themes within the four hours are relevant to many, if not all communities. We all have work to do.

As you know from our previous emails *Our Kids: Narrowing the Opportunity Gap* is hosted by renowned Harvard professor, Dr. Robert Putnam, author of the best-selling book by the same title. In this media initiative we traveled to 9 communities across the country, including in New Hampshire, examining the issues and most important, innovative solutions to narrowing the gap that can be replicated elsewhere depending on commitment and funding.

Our Kids: Narrowing the Opportunity Gap is a call to action for all of us to ensure that our children and future generations are able to succeed and thrive. We think you will be inspired by the people and organizations we profiled in your state who are dedicated to fulfilling that goal. We know many of you, too, are working to achieve equity for all our children. Bob pre-selected you as one of the communities we should visit.

We hope you will share information about the series and airdates with your colleagues and constituents, regionally and nationally. Please let us know if you would like additional information or to include a story about *Our Kids: Narrowing the Opportunity Gap* on your own websites or media. Executive Producers/Directors and founders of the Media Policy Center, Dale Bell and Harry Wiland, are available for interviews. If you haven't already viewed it, we invite you to watch the Preview at (please copy and paste the link into your browser). https://vimeo.com/311962483 Be sure to visit our website at ourkidsseries.org for more information about airdates.

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