



# Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

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## Children's Commission releases annual report, eyes new strategic objectives for 2020

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The [annual report](#) for the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana is available online at [www.in.gov/children](http://www.in.gov/children). The report details collaboration among all three branches of government working to improve the lives of Hoosier children, especially the most vulnerable.

Highlighted in the report are the activities and recommendations of the Commission over the 2018-2019 fiscal year. This includes special events like a series of statewide film screenings and the endorsement of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey for participation by Indiana school districts.

The Commission will be updating its strategic plan in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, making it more reflective of feedback from community members and stakeholders. Members look forward to continuing the Commission's work collaborating with agencies and partners across the state for Hoosier children.

Established in August 2013, the Commission studies issues concerning vulnerable youth; reviews and makes recommendations concerning legislation; and promotes information sharing and best practices. The Commission's next meeting is October 23 and is open to the public.