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Children's Commission releases annual report, realigns strategy for coming years

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The [2020 annual report](#) of the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana is available at in.gov/children. The report highlights the ongoing partnership between all three branches of state government to safeguard and support Indiana's children—especially its most vulnerable.

The report details the work completed during the fiscal year by the Commission, along with its various task forces and committees, even as the COVID-19 pandemic began impacting the lives of all Hoosiers and their children. During the year, the Commission:

- Adopted a new [strategic plan for 2020-2022](#)
- Created a new [Juvenile Justice Reform Task Force](#)
- Approved a [set of definitions](#) for equity, inclusion, and cultural competence
- Tracked and reported on 317 bills that became [52 child-related laws](#) during the 2020 legislative session
- Celebrated the valuable work of its more than 200 volunteers

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 21; it will be available to watch live on the Commission's website.