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# Children's Commission releases annual report, reaffirms commitment to overarching principles

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The <u>2021 annual report</u> of the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana is now available. 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 took action on recommendations and created resources in alignment with five core principles:

- Equity
- Two Generations
- Do No Harm
- Trauma-informed
- Youth & Family Voice

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