Kids Can’t Wait
Action for Minnesota’s Children

A Report to the Governor and
People of Minnesota from
The Action for Children Commission

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### There is work to do

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<td>Child poverty</td>
<td>1 in 5</td>
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<td>Graduation rate</td>
<td>88%</td>
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<td>American Indian</td>
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<td>Children of color - foster care</td>
<td>7-to-1</td>
<td>American Indian children 17 times more likely</td>
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<td>Two+ races 5 times more likely</td>
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... See a Problem, Convene a Task Force, Create a Program... Has Created a Tangle of Inefficiencies

SOURCE: Margaret Dunkle

Children's Services in Los Angeles County
Children’s Cabinets focus on alignment of ....

- People
- Data
- Money
- Policy
• Children and family focus

• Children’s Cabinet governance and charge
  • 10 agencies in statute + 12 additional
  • Gov/Lt. Gov Co-chairs

• Advisory Councils
  • Children's Cabinet
  • State Advisory for Early Childhood Education and Care
Strategies

Convene and Align

Accountability and Action

Policy Platform & Strategy
MN to be the best state to raise your children – for everyone

Child-Centered Government
Whole Family Approach

Results-Based Accountability

Healthy start
Child care and education
Mental health and well-being
Housing stability
Governance

Children’s Cabinet
- Commissioners
  - Co-Chairs: Governor, Lt. Governor

Senior Leadership
- Deputy/Asst. Commissioners
- Senior Agency Leaders

Interagency Leadership Team
- Healthy Start
- Early Childhood Care & Education
- Children’s Mental Health
- Housing

External Advisory Body
- Children’s Cabinet Advisory
- State Advisory on Early Care & Edu
Office & Staff

- Staff: Executive Director, Program Manager, Policy Director, and Coordinator
- Extension of Governor’s Office
- Office location: MMB, Governor’s office
What’s Underway

• Aligning with existing cross-agency work

• Charge to agencies to consider children and families in their plans

• Every policy that comes across the Governor’s desk will be evaluated by its impact on children

• Building of Action Teams
  • Co-chair selection, Results-Based Accountability

Children’s Cabinet

- Data
- Leadership Commitment
- Cross-Agency Collaboration
- Community Voice
- Administrative Levers
Informing the Action to Create Results for Children

Children’s Cabinet

Community Voice:
Advisory Bodies

Program Efficiency:
Data – Results Team

Administration & Services:
Counties, Indian Affairs Council, and School Districts

Policy & Funding:
State leadership teams
Thank You!

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