

This report is dedicated to Native children and youth, to their families, and to their communities.

Throughout the last century, a succession of U.S. government reports has documented the conditions and circumstances in which Native children and youth live, and the adverse outcomes that these conditions and circumstances can produce. Native communities have pushed back on that deficit focus, encouraging the Federal government, state governments, and other partners to look instead at the successes that Native children, youth, and families have realized—and to invest in programs and policies proven to generate wellbeing. This report is offered in that spirit. The Commissioners celebrate and honor Native children and youth and look forward to a future in which they all thrive.