

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 7-8-99

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Subject: Report - America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being

1999

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THE DIRECTOR

Dear Mr. President:

I am delighted to transmit to you *America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 1999*. This report is the third in an annual series to address a requirement set forth in Executive Order No. 13045. *America's Children* provides an accessible portrait that depicts how our young people are faring in critical areas.

This annual report prepared by the Interagency Forum Child and Family Statistics serves as an important yardstick for measuring the progress of the Nation's children. The 23 key indicators presented in the report update information displayed last year and incorporate improvements. Indicators are grouped in four areas: economic security, health, behavior and social environment, and education. Each of the measures is collected *regularly, rigorously, and reliably* by one of the Federal statistical agencies. In this year's report the racial/ethnic categories have been made more consistent across indicators, additional detail has been provided for the population and family characteristic "Births to Unmarried Women," the "Food Security" indicator has been expanded to include a measure of the nutritional quality of children's diets, and "Children Who Have Difficulty Performing Everyday Activities" has been included as a new special feature. The improvements made in 1999 reflect comments and suggestions provided by users of the 1997 and 1998 reports.

This report also challenges us to find ways to improve our understanding of America's children. Although the report presents the best currently available information about the condition of our children, it continues the tradition of earlier reports by identifying areas where more or better data are needed. By displaying what the Government knows, and what it does not know, this report challenges Federal statistical agencies to do better. Filling these data gaps will contribute to an even better understanding of our Nation's young people.

The 18 Federal agencies that collaborate in the Forum should be congratulated for their unflagging support of the work to produce the first three volumes of *America's Children*. Their product is a fine example -- indeed a model -- of the benefits that stem from cooperative endeavors. Sharing ideas and resources, these agencies have joined together to provide policy makers -- and the American people -- with more accessible information for tracking the condition of the Nation's most valuable asset: its children.

Sincerely,

Jacob J. Lew
Director

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