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## Foreword

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### *Introduction to The Call to Action*

In 2009, The Alberta Centre for Child, Family and Community Research (The Centre) supported a rigorous systematic review to identify promising practices to improve health outcomes for First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities. The full report, “Healthy Moms, Babies and Children: Improving the Health of Aboriginal Populations in Canada” is available at [www.research4children.com](http://www.research4children.com).

An analysis of the most recent evidence indicated that investments could be made in five areas to improve the well being of Aboriginal peoples. The Call to Action blends the research and rationale to recommend investments

- Preconception and Sexual Health
- Midwifery and other Birthing Support Models
- Parenting
- Child and Youth Leadership and Empowerment
- Community and School-Based Lifestyle Strategies

In consultation with The Centre’s Aboriginal Advisory Committee, the Call to Action was developed with the intention that it be used for advocacy, program planning, policy development and future research. You are invited to share

your response to the Call to Action through an online survey available at <http://www.research4children.com/admin/contentx/default.cfm?PageId=88864>.

This is the second issue honoring the partnership between The First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada and The Alberta Centre for Child, Family and Community Research (The Centre). The Centre is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that is primarily funded by the Alberta Ministry of Children and Youth Services and operates arms-length from government. Our mission is to collaboratively develop, support and integrate evidence across sectors and disciplines to provide a strong foundation for identifying and promoting effective public policy and service delivery to improve the well-being of children, families, and communities.

For more information about The Centre please visit our website at [www.research4children.com](http://www.research4children.com).

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