

TECHNICAL NOTE

The Progress of Canada's Children and Youth is based on a large database of information on children, youth and families in Canada. It is built on environmental indicators, which represent the developmental influences that affect child development, and progress indicators, which are general measures of how well our children and youth are faring.

A three-tiered model has been developed to organize the wealth of data the CCSD has assembled on selected environmental and progress indicators. Primary indicators constitute the first tier. They represent a single measure of data calculated over time against a base period to indicate the direction of change.

Primary indicators are grouped under a number of intermediate indicators, the second tier. These indicators represent key determinants or outcomes of child well-being. The intermediate indicators are grouped into a third tier of composite indicators that assess both the environment of child development and children's progress through specific developmental periods.

Because of space limitations, *The Progress of Canada's Children and Youth* presents only a small portion of the research. The following chart outlines the model of composite and intermediate indicators that are used.

