

# Bending the Arc Towards Justice in Child Welfare

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I send greetings to all those participating in the 20th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect.

Abuse and neglect diminish the promise of America for hundreds of thousands of our Nation's children each year. Whether we are a parent or a teacher, a local leader or a community member, we must look after every child, treat them as if they are our own, and resolve to ensure they grow up in environments where they have the love, care, and support they deserve.

My Administration is doing everything we can to promote meaningful change in the lives of children across America. For nearly 8 years, we have worked to lift up vulnerable families by providing parents and caregivers with the resources they need. Together with States and tribes across our country, we are working to make sure every child in foster care lives with a family who will love and cherish them for who they are.

By uniting professionals, experts, advocates, and engaged citizens in a spirit of common purpose to share ideas and discuss key issues, you are strengthening the bonds of community that will help end child neglect and abuse and plant the seeds of hope for America's vulnerable children. As you gather in our Nation's Capital at the beginning of Kinship Care Month, you have my best wishes for a productive event.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be Barack Obama's signature, consisting of a large 'B' and 'O' with a stylized 'B' and 'O' in the middle, followed by a horizontal line.

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