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Thank you for reviewing *Our Children: 2008 Truth Tour - Florida Candidate Connection*.

The views and thoughts expressed in *Florida Candidate Connection* are those of Children's Campaign, Inc. alone. Regardless, many provided great assistance with its preparation. Like all our products and advocacy, this work is the culmination of a shared effort among our citizen leaders, professional staff, Florida's service providers, academics, business leaders and many others.

Florida Candidate Connection empowers citizens while providing federal and state candidates and elected officials with the foundation upon which to boldly lead for Florida's children.

Our *5 Promises* platform offers a unifying vision. Advocates, professionals, experts, research and the data agree: child health, child protection, child care, after-school services, and juvenile justice reform shape the future – for individual children, families, and our state.

This year, *Candidate Connection* is part of a larger new initiative. Through the summer and fall, the Children's Campaign is hitting the road to tell it like it is. *Our Children: 2008 Truth Tour* is alerting Floridians to the crisis in providing for the health and well-being of our youngest citizens.

Children's needs are not partisan issues, "squishy" or "bleeding heart" concerns. Rather, our response will determine how Florida will fare in a highly complex and globally competitive future.

Sincerely,



Roy Miller, President

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