

"Helping prepare the young people of our community to reach young adulthood ready to take on the challenges of education, work and life requires the combined and coordinated efforts of the many adults and systems that youth encounter on their developmental journeys. MCCOY focuses on effectively and efficiently connecting all the dots so that the picture we create is that of a healthy, supportive and caring network that allows no young person to fall through the cracks."

JOHN BRANDON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & PRESIDENT \ \ MCCOY, INC.



Ways to Get Involved

OUR MISSION

MCCOY's mission is to champion the positive development of youth through leadership on key issues and support of the youth worker community.

OUR VISION

MCCOY's vision is that every young person in central Indiana has opportunities to thrive, learn, engage and contribute.

DONATE

MCCOY relies on the generous support of individuals, corporations and foundations. To make a philanthropic contribution to MCCOY, visit our website and hit the "Donate" button on the homepage. You can also mail donations to our office at 1375 W. 16th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202. Your donation will have a significant and positive impact on young people in central Indiana.

VOLUNTEER

MCCOY is always looking for individuals who are passionate about youth and our community to serve on board committees and promote the work we do. Along with concerned citizens and working professionals, MCCOY also values the voices of young people in our community. There is a place for youth and adults on our Board of Directors and committees. Contact us at 317-921-1266 to learn more.

ADVOCATE

Stay informed on the issues impacting young people in our community by reading our monthly newsletters. You can spread the word about making a difference in the lives of children. Contact us at 317-921-1266 to learn about ways you can advocate for the well-being of youth.



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The Story of MCCOY

The Marion County Commission on Youth, Inc. (MCCOY) was established as an independent nonprofit organization in December 1993. MCCOY adds value to the community by keeping its focus on developing the supports and opportunities needed for children and youth to grow into successful adults. MCCOY creates positive outcomes for youth in central Indiana by:

- Building partnerships among the various sectors of the community that are working to address youth issues.
- Bringing community members and youth agencies together to find innovative ways to tackle difficult community problems.
- Facilitating skill and competency-building training and networking opportunities for youth development professionals and volunteers.
- Supporting and advocating for policies that provide young people with the supports and opportunities they need to succeed now and into the future.
- Providing valuable information digitally and at public events that parents and youth service workers can use to improve their interactions with children and teens.

Our Commitment to the Community

MCCOY's four community roles are to serve as an advocate, capacity builder, convener and resource in order to expand opportunities for young people.



ADVOCATE

MCCOY partners with advocacy organizations, direct service providers, young people and community members to ensure that youth have a voice in policy decisions. MCCOY is a non-partisan advocate that serves as a bridge between various interest groups at the local, state and national levels to find common ground. MCCOY's advocacy priorities include:

- School policies that align with best practices and help students graduate and succeed.
- High-quality youth programs that adhere to best practice standards.
- Educational standards and continuing education availability for all professionals working with youth.
- Comprehensive community efforts that coordinate and build capacity for high-quality early intervention and prevention services for youth and families.
- Safety policies that protect children and teens from physical and emotional harm.

CAPACITY BUILDER

MCCOY builds the capacity of professionals and organizations to better support the developmental needs of young people. Through high-level trainings, professional learning communities and experiential learning opportunities, MCCOY helps professionals strengthen and expand their abilities to serve young people. MCCOY builds capacity through the following initiatives:

- Learning Network – provides professional development via in-person and online trainings to enhance the knowledge and abilities of professionals working with youth.
- Youth Program Quality Assessment/Improvement Process and Summer Learning Program Quality Improvement – provide program assessment processes using a research-validated system that offers youth-serving organizations the tools to measure and evaluate the quality of their programs.
- Learning Network Hub – connects youth-serving professionals with one another as well as to resources and information pertinent to the field.

CONVENER

From small forums to full-scale symposia and events, MCCOY brings the community together to find innovative ways to address youth issues through open dialogue and collaboration between youth workers, community advocates, young people and other stakeholders. MCCOY convenes community leaders and local area experts around the following initiatives:

- Early Intervention & Prevention – helps vulnerable families resolve problems and avert crises through quality prevention services. EIP improves health, safety and academic outcomes; reduces the need for child welfare and juvenile justice involvement; and makes wiser use of limited resources.
- Youth Employment – works with public and private partners to expand opportunities for youth to gain the skills they need to succeed in the workplace and to compete for employment.

RESOURCE

MCCOY provides essential tools and information to youth and families, as well educational, governmental, health and youth program partners. These resources are the most current, reliable and relevant tools available to assist with research, policy and program needs. MCCOY provides the following resources:

- Youth Activity Directory – a comprehensive listing of youth programs highlighting activities that support academic achievement, healthy development and positive outcomes. The YAD is made available for free as a booklet and a digital app.
- Newsletters – provide electronic updates regarding MCCOY's work in the community as well as timely news about trainings, events and more.
- Website – a one-stop-shop for youth-serving professionals and families looking for trainings, events, issue-related information, advocacy tools and more. The website features an interactive calendar and is easy to navigate on any device.

