

LEARN

For young people to **LEARN**, they need equitable access to opportunities for learning and social emotional development. Equitable education, quality youth programming, and safe communities provide these opportunities.



Ensure that all schools are safe and affirming spaces for all youth through culturally responsive staff training, curriculum, and school policies.



Provide equitable funding and support to public schools and strengthen opportunities for schools, families, and communities to collaborate to support students' educational success, build stronger families, and improve communities.



Promote the recruitment and retention of a high-quality and diverse teaching and youth programming workforce through increased pay, quality benefits, and opportunity for professional growth.



GROW

For young people to **GROW**, they need safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments, as well as positive experiences to build resiliency, resulting in better health and social outcomes.



Support policies that ensure families live in safe, stable, nurturing, and affirming environments.



Reimagine Indiana's youth justice system into a restorative system that utilizes a culturally responsive, trauma-informed, developmental approach based on research-based policies paired with the science of brain development.



Ensure that policies affecting issues of youth safety and well-being are data-driven and reflect a comprehensive, holistic approach to understanding and addressing the root causes of the challenges within families, communities, and schools.



Prioritize wellness for youth and workers in the youth allied field through expanded access to social, emotional, and mental health supports and equitable access to identity-affirming healthcare.

THRIVE

For young people to **THRIVE**, they need equitable opportunities to be self-sufficient and empowered for civic and community engagement, resulting in stronger connections to themselves and others.



Expand opportunities for youth to participate in civic processes including voting.



Empower youth to voice their opinions and be part of decisions that affect them.



Support policies that increase access for all youth with post graduation opportunities that support their self-sufficiency and empowerment.



MCCOY places diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice at the center of our organization's advocacy efforts.

COALITION MEMBERSHIP

Much of MCCOY's advocacy work would not be able to take place without the partnership with important advocacy coalitions of which we are members.

These critical groups are comprised of organizations from all over the state and country who share a common goal to promote policy changes that improve the lives of children and families and support the youth worker community.



Indiana Educational Equity Coalition

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This weekly newsletter provides updates during Indiana's legislative session on bills passing through the Statehouse that impact Hoosier children, families, and the youth worker community.



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