



## Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

### DRAFT Theory of Change

Mission: To improve the status of children in Indiana through systemic collaboration

Vision: Every child in Indiana will have a safe and nurturing environment and be afforded opportunities to reach their full potential and live a healthy and productive life.

Resources	Strategies		Short Term Impact for Indiana's Vulnerable Children	Long Term Impact for Indiana's Vulnerable Children*		
<i>What we invest - People, staff, funding, etc</i>	<i>Staff</i>	<i>Task Forces / Committees / Subcommittees</i>	<i>Commission Members</i>	<i>1-3 years</i>		
				<i>*Vulnerable youth are defined as youth (0-23) served by: (A) the department of child services; (B) the office of the secretary of family and social services; (C) the department of correction; or (D) a juvenile probation department.</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Director</li> <li>Administrative support from the Office of Judicial Administration</li> <li>Commission Members Agency Authority Youth Voice</li> <li>Workgroups (Task Forces, Committees, Subcommittees)</li> <li>Relationships with subject matter experts</li> <li>Access to data and research through key agencies</li> <li>Access to policymakers</li> <li>Access to state government resources (space and technology)</li> <li>External funding support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build cross-agency relationships</li> <li>Provide tools and templates with equity framework embedded</li> <li>Recruit diverse committee and task force members</li> <li>Collaborate and align with existing groups and initiatives</li> <li>Raise awareness about Commission's vision and work</li> <li>Set and follow infrastructure</li> <li>Identify and share relevant information with volunteers and Commission members</li> <li>Monitor the progress on strategic goals and objectives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build cross-agency relationships</li> <li>Collaborate</li> <li>Active participation</li> <li>Study and evaluate issues related to vulnerable youth</li> <li>Use Data to inform work               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collect</li> <li>Monitor</li> <li>Disaggregate</li> <li>Identify gaps</li> </ul> </li> <li>Identify gaps related to supports for vulnerable children</li> <li>Provide information and recommendations to the Commission members</li> <li>Raise awareness about Commission's vision and work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build cross-agency relationships</li> <li>Collaborate with fellow Commission Members</li> <li>Active participation</li> <li>Use presented information to better inform the policies and programs they oversee</li> <li>File legislation</li> <li>Develop and make recommendations</li> <li>Implement change within their own agencies</li> <li>Raise awareness about Commission's vision and work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow through on recommendations occur</li> <li>Funding directed toward evidence-based practices</li> <li>New collaborations and relationships with stakeholders that produce outcomes</li> <li>Alignment of existing state efforts</li> <li>Closed data gaps through new data collection efforts</li> <li>Policy/ Legislation is informed by research and best practice</li> <li>Vulnerable children and their families have increased access to quality services</li> </ul>	<p>Child Health and Well Being</p> <p>Mental Health</p> <p>Child Safety</p> <p>Youth Justice</p> <p>Educational Outcomes</p> <p>Equity</p> <p>Family Stability and Wellness</p>	<p>Vulnerable youth have access to consistent and reliable health and well-being resources</p> <p>Vulnerable youth and their families have access to quality mental health and addiction services</p> <p>Vulnerable youth are safe and secure in their homes and the community</p> <p>Youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system have improved safety and equitable system contact and outcomes</p> <p>Vulnerable youth are engaged in school, graduate from high school, and pursue a postsecondary pathway that matches their interests and goals</p> <p>All vulnerable youth's voices are heard and included through data collection, policies, and programs</p> <p>Family stability is strengthened when family members are safe, healthy, and have chances for educational opportunities and economic stability</p>