



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Overarching Principles

Inform the Commission's Activities

Trauma-Informed Practice

The use of trauma informed practice increases the effectiveness of all work with children and families.

Youth and Family Voice

Solutions are more effective if those who are expected to benefit from them participate in the process of developing them.

Do No Harm

Government intervention should never cause harm.

Equity

Policies and programs must be responsive to the particular needs and strengths of each community and group of children in Indiana.

Two Generations

Efforts to support children and youth are more effective when they include parents and extended family members.

Commission Members

Collaborate systemically from and among all three branches and state agencies

Community Members with Lived Experience

Legislative Branch

Republican State Senator

Democrat State Senator

Democrat House Representative

Republican House Representative

Executive Branch

Indiana Department of Child Services

Office of the Governor

Indiana State Department of Health

Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services

Indiana Family and Social Services Administration

Indiana FSSA, Division of Mental Health and Addiction

Office of the Indiana Attorney General

Indiana State Budget Agency

Indiana Department of Education

Judicial Branch

Indiana Supreme Court

Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council

Indiana Public Defenders Council



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Task Forces

Address the goals and objectives outlined in the strategic plan

Child Health and Safety Task Force

Improve the health and safety of vulnerable children and youth.

Mental Health and Substance Use Task Force

Increase access to quality mental health and addiction services for children and their families.

Educational Outcomes Task Force

Improve educational outcomes of vulnerable youth.

Juvenile Justice and Cross-System Task Force

Improve safety and outcomes of youth who come into contact with the justice system.

Data Sharing and Mapping Committee

Improve data sharing across agencies at the state and local levels for the benefit of vulnerable youth and families.

Bullying & Suicide Prevention, and Online Safety Task Force

Develop and improve evidence-informed statewide intervention/prevention strategies for youth and families.

Task Force Operations

Bipartisan and cross-agency collaboration

Recommend laws, policies, and procedures

Promote appropriate data and information sharing across agencies

Identify gaps and researching solutions

Consult with youth, families, and direct service providers

Promote evidence-based practices for use by both public and private agencies

Examine disaggregated data