



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

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