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# Youth Justice Oversight Committee

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## Youth Justice Oversight Committee Vision and Mission Statement

### **Vision**

Evolve Indiana's communities and systems to embrace and provide opportunities for all youth to reach their full potential

### **Mission**

To make improvements to Indiana's youth justice system that:

- Enhance public safety
- Produce sustainable and effective outcomes for youth
- Are aligned with research on what works
- Increase racial equity and decrease disparities for Black, Brown and other opportunity youth
- Make the most efficient and effective use of public resources
- Are informed by the experiences of youth and their families

### **Objectives**

These improvements will come initially through the work to fulfill the requirements of HEA 1359-2022, which include developing or enhancing:

- a statewide data plan
- a statewide behavioral health plan for justice-involved youth
- transitional services for youth returning to the community from the Department of Correction
- diversion programs
- policies and procedures for consistent use of validated risk and assessment tools
- parameters of state grant programs to fund community-based diversion, alternatives to detention, transitional services, and behavioral health services

### **Our Legacy**

The Youth Justice Oversight Committee acknowledges that much excellent work has already been done throughout Indiana in alignment with these principles, through the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) and other efforts. The intent of the Committee is to build upon previous work, hear and engage local stakeholders who are the experts in youth justice system implementation, and work to strike the appropriate balance between statewide consistency on essential matters and local flexibility that respects community context.