



Commission on the Status of Children and Youth

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2025 Annual Report

Charge and Focus

Commission on the Status of Children and Youth (CSCY)

- Established in 2004
- Nine-member volunteer commission

Mission

- Promote connections that empower, enhance, and nurture children and youth
- Advocate for positive youth development and family support
- Identify community needs and service gaps
- Encourage collaboration between schools, nonprofits, agencies, and residents
- Elevate youth voices and celebrate youth success

Focus areas

- Youth engagement and recognition
- Literacy and educational support
- Community outreach and partnerships
- Advocacy and awareness initiatives



2025 Commissioners

- Erin Reynolds-Nylund
- Fred Schick
- Katie Hopkins
- Leah Gilbertson
- Maryjane McNabb
- Shelby VanDerMoere
- Tatiana Peters
- Callie Rekas



2025 Highlights & Impact



S.W.A.G.G.E.R. Awards (Students Who Act Generously, Grow, and Earn Respect)

- Largest awards program in CSCY history
- 179 event attendees
- 23 student nominations submitted
- Students recognized from schools, faith organizations, and youth programs
- Winners received prizes, certificates, and community recognition

Read for the Record Initiative

- 120 shared reading experiences completed
- Partnership with MCCSC schools and community volunteers
- Featured Book: Nigel and the Moon
- Promoted literacy, family engagement, and early learning

Community Engagement

- Participated in Children's Expo
- Participated in Fairview Elementary resource open house
- Hosted guest speakers from Exodus Refugee and Tandem
- Supported Million Father March and Winter Wonderland



2026 Priorities & Opportunities

Expand Community Partnerships

- Strengthen relationships with youth-serving organizations
- Increase collaboration with schools and nonprofits

Strengthen Youth Advocacy

- Establish a Teen Liaison position
- Increase youth voice and representation in community discussions

Data-Informed Planning

- Utilize Indiana Youth Institute Kids Count data
- Identify emerging needs impacting children and families

Grow CSCY Programs

- Expand S.W.A.G.G.E.R. outreach and participation
- Increase sponsorship and community support opportunities
- Continue literacy and engagement initiatives



Get Involved with CSCY

Ways to Support

- Attend Commission meetings
 - Third Tuesday of each month
 - 5:30 PM - Hooker Conference Room, City Hall
 - Virtual attendance available via Zoom
- Volunteer for CSCY initiatives
- Support the S.W.A.G.G.E.R. Awards
- Partner with youth-focused programs
- Help recruit a Teen Liaison representative
- Share CSCY resources and opportunities

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