

Core Identity

- **Our Vision:** A world in which every young person belongs to a nurturing community.
- **Our Values:** Service-Focused Leadership | Integrity | Competency | Collaboration | Dedication

Strategic Policy Priorities

Housing & Homelessness

- **Policy Reform:** Advocate for a PA Interagency Council on Homelessness and standardize definitions across agencies to eliminate service gaps.
- **Legislative Action:** Target Pennsylvania House Bills while securing budget financial support for affordable youth and family specific housing.
- **Innovation:** Increase affordable housing, emergency support and transitional non-emergency housing to support self-sufficient youth and families.

Child Welfare & Prevention

- **Establish Stability:** Support transition-age foster youth through Independent Living Programs, driven by Youth Voice and focus on life-skills, career development, and education to succeed in adulthood.
- **Preservation:** Prioritize family success through evidence-based programs and mental health services that are Trauma-Informed and community-based.
- **Outcome:** Youth and families *become* the nurturing community through family strength and self sufficiency.



Behavioral Health & School-Based Services

- **Model Expansion:** Increase access to Trauma Informed/Evidence-Based low-barrier clinical models like Certified Peer Specialists in schools and community settings.
- **Specialized Care:** Enhance clinical competencies for youth experiencing childhood trauma, truancy, and family preservation difficulties.

Human Trafficking Intervention

- **Safe Spaces:** Partner with Survivor Boards to maintain safe residential environments and preventative services. Encourage and support survivor leadership.
- **Systems Advocacy:** Standardize law enforcement best practices, advocate for enhanced victim protections, and promote prosecution of buyers.
- **Statewide Impact:** Lead coalitions to identify and remedy systemic policy gaps.



The Advocacy Toolbox



Lived Experience
Youth & Family
Storytelling



Influence
Creative Communications,
Op-Eds, & Direct
Legislative Engagement



Evidence
Data-Driven Research
& Case Studies

We drive change by combining human experience with rigorous data.

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