



MISSION

To catalyze a statewide movement that strengthens the web of relationships surrounding every child in Indiana by ensuring each has a network of at least FIVE supportive, caring adults by the year 2050.

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Every child in Indiana is connected to at least FIVE supportive adults (including family members and youth-serving professionals) who provide the relationships, guidance, and encouragement necessary to thrive, navigate challenges, and pursue their full potential.

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FIVE by 2050 Vision Strategic Plan

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- ✦ **Relationships are the foundation.** Strong, supportive relationships are essential for positive youth development, academic success, and lifelong well-being.
- ✦ **Youth-serving professionals matter.** Mentors, teachers, coaches, counselors, afterschool providers, and other professionals play a critical role alongside families in building a child's support network.
- ✦ **Flexible support for each child.** Every young person has unique needs, challenges, and strengths that benefit from meaningful connections with supportive adults.
- ✦ **Collective responsibility.** Schools, families, organizations, and communities must align efforts to ensure every child is supported.
- ✦ **Data-driven accountability.** Progress must be measured, shared, and continually adapted to ensure impact statewide.



Research shows that strong, supportive relationships are among the most powerful protective factors for health, reducing risks of anxiety, depression, and premature death. Studies from the [U.S. Surgeon General](#) and the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) demonstrate that communities that foster connection and trust see better outcomes for children, lower trauma, and measurable social benefits. The FIVE by 50 vision builds on this evidence, emphasizing the vital role of networks of caring adults in thriving communities.



STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

- A Build a Culture of Support**
Promote the importance of strong, supportive adult relationships in every child's life and elevate public understanding of how networks of support foster youth success.
- B Expand Awareness and Action**
Engage communities, leaders, and families to intentionally ensure children have access to supportive adults. Provide tools, resources, and training to help nurture positive, long-lasting connections with children.
- C Strengthen the Ecosystem of Support**
Unify and align youth-serving organizations, schools, nonprofits, and community partners to expand the reach and effectiveness of support networks.
- D Elevate the Role of Youth-Serving Professionals**
Invest in and highlight the essential contributions of mentors, coaches, teachers, afterschool providers, mental health providers, faith leaders, scout leaders, counselors, and others as a core part of every child's network of five.
- E Tailored Support for Each Child**
Flexible strategies that ensure every Indiana child—especially those whose individual physical, emotional, educational, social or economic needs are unmet—has supportive adults who can guide and encourage them.
- F Catalyze Community Partnerships**
Empower local communities to innovate and collaborate, creating sustainable systems that connect young people with trusted adults.
- G Monitor Progress and Adapt Strategy**
Track statewide progress to measure the presence and impact of supportive adult networks. Refine strategies as data and feedback reveal new opportunities or challenges.