

"The Journey allowed me to become a better youth worker; to be able to reflect and see myself from a different side. It has given me the renewal strength I have been needing in my life and work place."

-2020 Journey Fellow

About The Journey

The Journey, established in 2002, is a nationally recognized program, that brings opportunities for renewal and leadership development to those who serve young people in Indiana by:

Grounding practitioners in who they are - the essence of their heart and spirit, their vocation and avocation

Connecting professionals to each other - tapping into the power of community, and

Inspiring people's beliefs about what they can accomplish on behalf of young people.

There are over 1,300 fellows who are building a powerful network of youth professionals in Indiana, forming new connections, and having fun along the way.

The Journey, a program of Indiana Youth Services Association, is made possible by the generous support of the Lilly Endowment, Inc.



"The Journey allowed me to see youth work in a more professional light, and to better advocate for myself and the field. As a leader, I was able to bring back positive tools to empower others."

-2019 Journey Fellow



2025 Journey Fellowship



www.indysb.org/the-journey/fellowships

WHO can apply?

Full-time youth work professionals working in Indiana. (Not including teachers who are eligible for other renewal programs).

WHAT is this?

A unique professional & personal development program where participants can grow & learn with other youth work professionals from across the state.

WHERE does it happen?

Retreat & meeting locations around the state of Indiana (and Chicago).

WHEN does it take place?

Over the course of 2025, and Journey membership lasts a lifetime.

WHY apply?

To take advantage of a unique opportunity for personal growth & professional development.

HOW to apply?

Visit the QR code or this [website \(click here\)](#) to learn more!



Cohort 1

DATE	LOCATION
Dec 19, 2024	Orientation: 11:00-12:30, virtual
Feb 11-13, 2025	3-day Retreat: Nashville, IN
Apr 22-24, 2025	3-day Retreat: Scottsburg, IN
Aug 19-21, 2025	3-day Retreat: Marshall, IN
Nov 11-13, 2025	3-day Retreat: Chicago, IL

Choose Between Two Cohorts

Youth workers can apply to one of two cohorts to become a 2025 Journey Fellow.

Both cohorts offer:

- Personal Renewal Stipends for all fellows to invest in themselves
- Opportunities for peer mentoring and coaching
- Unique retreat and learning session experiences
- Financial support to earn the Child and Youth Care Certification

Things to know:

- The program is all-expenses paid. However, fellows are responsible for their own travel to and from events.
- Multi-day retreat experiences require both day & night attendance.
- Visit the [website/QR code](#) for more information, answers to FAQ's, and the application to apply!



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Cohort 2

DATE	LOCATION
Dec 18, 2024	Orientation: 11:00-12:30, virtual
Jan 21-23, 2025	3-day Retreat: Scottsburg, IN
Mar 6, 2025	Virtual Retreat day
Apr 9, 2025	Virtual Retreat day
May 14-15, 2025	2-day Retreat: Indianapolis, IN
Aug 13, 2025	Virtual Retreat day
Sep 11, 2025	Virtual Retreat day
Oct 22-23, 2025	2-day Retreat: Indianapolis, IN



Our intention is to transform the profession and field of youth work by grounding leaders in who they are, building professional community, and inspiring the beliefs of those who dream and do on behalf of young people.