

"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 1,350 fellows who are building a powerful network of youth professionals in Indiana, forming new connections, and having fun along the way.



2026 Journey Fellowship



www.indysb.org/the-journey/fellowships

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"I am grateful to have met the other adults in the Journey Fellowship. They have restored my view that there are still people in the world trying to make a difference, working with integrity and kindness."
-2025 Journey Fellow

FAQs

WHO can apply?

Full-time youth work professionals working in Indiana. (Not including educators 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 are around the state of Indiana.

WHEN does it take place?

Events take place over the course of 2026, 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!



2026 Journey Fellowship Cohort 1

DATE	LOCATION
Dec 17, 2025	Orientation: 12:30-1:30 ET, virtual
Feb 10-12, 2026	3-day Retreat: South East, IN
Apr 21-23, 2026	3-day Retreat: NW-Central, IN
Aug 25-27, 2026	3-day Retreat: North West, IN
Nov 10-12, 2026	3-day Retreat: Central, IN



Choose Between Two Cohorts

Interested youth work professionals can apply to one of two cohorts—each offering a different schedule—to become a **2026 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.
- Full participation in all retreats is expected. Multi-day retreat experiences require both day & night attendance.
- Visit the [website/QR code](#) for more information, a nomination form, and the application to apply!



QUESTIONS?
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2026 Journey Fellowship Cohort 2

DATE	LOCATION
Dec 18, 2025	Orientation: 12:30-1:30 ET, virtual
Jan 27-29, 2026	3-day Retreat: South East, IN
Mar 11, 2026	Virtual Retreat day
May 12-14, 2026	3-day Retreat: NW-Central, IN
Aug 12, 2026	Virtual Retreat day
Oct 27-29, 2025	3-day Retreat: South-Central, 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.