

*"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 1,400 fellows who are building a powerful network of youth professionals in Indiana, forming new connections, and having fun along the way.***



## 2027 Journey Fellowship



[www.indysb.org/the-journey/fellowships](http://www.indysb.org/the-journey/fellowships)

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*"The Journey drastically changed my life and I'm grateful every single day for the courage it gave me to be myself and find my path. I never would have believed in myself enough without the fellowship."*  
-2026 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 2027, 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 15, 2026     | Orientation: 12:30-1:30 ET, virtual |
| Jan. 19-21, 2027 | 3-day Retreat: South East, IN       |
| Apr 20-22, 2027  | 3-day Retreat: W-Central, IN        |
| Aug 10-12, 2027  | 3-day Retreat: Northern, IN         |
| Oct 19-21, 2027  | 3-day Retreat: South-Central, IN    |



## Choose Between Two Cohorts

Interested youth work professionals can apply to one of two cohorts—each offering a different schedule to best ensure your full participation—to become a **2027 Journey Fellow**.

**Both cohorts offer:**

- Personal Renewal Stipends for all fellows to invest in themselves
- Opportunities to increase your professional network
- 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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## Cohort 2

| DATE            | LOCATION                            |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dec 16, 2026    | Orientation: 12:30-1:30 ET, virtual |
| Feb 9-11, 2027  | 3-day Retreat: South East, IN       |
| May 4-6, 2027   | 3-day Retreat: W-Central, IN        |
| Aug 24-26, 2027 | 3-day Retreat: Northern, IN         |
| Nov 9-11, 2027  | 3-day Retreat: 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.***