

Advocates for Children and Youth

Strategic Framework, 2020 – 2022

Mission

ACY builds a strong Maryland by advancing policies and programs to ensure children and families of every race, ethnicity, and place of birth achieve their full potential.

Vision

We work towards a Maryland where:

- Outcomes and access to opportunities of children across Maryland are not predicted by race or zip code;
- Families and communities are healthy as well as adequately and equitably resourced;
- Policies, programs, and institutions are adequately resourced and accountable for strong results; and
- Youth, families, and communities are driving the agenda and have the capacity to advocate for their needs.

Our Impact

For over 30 years ACY has served as Maryland's only non-partisan, nonprofit organization that works across all the issue areas that impact a child's life to close disparity gaps and improve outcomes for children and youth. We advocate at the local and state level for policy and program changes, track data and hold agencies accountable for results, and ensure youth and their families are equipped to advocate for their own futures.



Policy Pillars

Positive Life Experiences within Healthy Families and Communities

- We will advocate for keeping childhood a positive experience as we address trauma and the fulfillment of the basic needs in life. We will push for policy and programs that support healthy and safe living, learning and working environments in all communities.

Fair, Unbiased Treatment

- We will push for equitable treatment of all children and provide them with an opportunity to rebound.

Academically Prepared Youth

- We will advocate to ensure that all young people get the resources, education and supports they need to thrive.