Mockingbird creates, supports, and advocates for racially-equitable, healthy environments that develop young people at risk of or experiencing foster care or homelessness.

**MISSION**

- Support young people with lived experience to build advocacy skills, elevate their voice, and make the change they want to see.
- Develop and advocate for youth-centered Washington state policy agendas.
- Participate in coalitions, work groups, and committees to change public policy and practice.
- Develop and promote programs and practices that center the growth and development of young people and families.
- Support high-quality implementation and rigorous evaluation.
- Center the voice of young people with lived experience.

**THE WORK**

- Youth Advocacy: Educate and activate donors, volunteers, policy makers, and advocacy partners.
- Community Advocacy: Educate and activate donors, volunteers, policy makers, and advocacy partners.
- Practice Advocacy: Support high-quality implementation and rigorous evaluation.

**MEASURING OUR SUCCESS**

- Youth-centered legislative and administrative changes are prioritized, enacted, and implemented effectively.
- System stakeholders center the voices of young people with lived experience in foster care or homelessness.
- Young people feel empowered to transform systems.
- Foster care in Washington is delivered through empowerment-based practices that are healthy for young people, data informed, and wellbeing focused.

**VISION**

Each and every young person, regardless of race and individual experience, reaches adulthood with an equitable opportunity to thrive.

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