

Human Rights



Sanctuary Cities– Reverse SF481 to reestablish sanctuary cities in the State of Iowa to allow immigrant youth the opportunity to grow up without fear of deportation.

Voter Registration– Establish an electronic, automatic voter registration system in the State of Iowa to make it easier for youth to vote in all elections and create a more secure voting and electronic system.

Environment



Sustainability Education– Implement environmental and sustainability curriculum inside our primary education systems to promote youth awareness of the environment and sustainability efforts.

Education



Education Equity– Establish equity-focused professional development for licensed K-12 educators in the State of Iowa, and incorporate representative, historically accurate, and diverse perspectives into the K-12 Curriculum Standards.

Health



Gender Equity– Advance gender equity in the state to improve the health and safety of all Iowa youth. Gender Equity includes LGBTQ+ rights, women and menstrual equity, and intersex rights.

The State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council (SIYAC) was created by Iowa Code §216A.140(8) under the Department of Human Rights (DHR) "to foster communication among a group of engaged youth and the governor, general assembly, and state and local policymakers regarding programs, policies, and practices affecting youth and families; and to advocate for youth on important issues affecting youth". SIYAC focuses on service and volunteering, along with creating opportunities for youth to get involved in their communities. All state bills pertaining to youth are also reviewed and discussed by the council. We encourage you to reach out for a youth perspective.