HOW WE TRANSFORM FOSTER CARE AND END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

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

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

Youth Advocacy
- Young people feel empowered to transform systems
- Youth-centered legislative and administrative changes are prioritized, enacted, and implemented effectively

Community Advocacy
- Educate and activate donors, volunteers, policy makers, and advocacy partners
- System stakeholders center the voices of young people with lived experience in foster care or homelessness

Practice Advocacy
- Support young people with lived experience to build advocacy skills, elevate their voice, and make the change they want to see
- Foster care in Washington is delivered through empowerment-based practices that are healthy for young people, data-informed, and wellbeing-focused

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