

## Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley

### **Equity Statement**

Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley believes that all people deserve inclusivity, fairness, and justice. We believe that both the success of our team and the wellness of our community is strongest by recognizing the qualities that make each person unique, including race, gender, age, sexuality, ability, religion, national origin, gender identity and other identities. The YSB team values and respects each other and our community as we proudly serve.

We proactively serve people in our community that face marginalization, bias, risk, and challenges to succeed, as the agency has done historically since its inception in 1974 as a grass roots organization responding to a need in the local community. YSB has expanded greatly since that time, now serving 20 counties in the Central and Northern regions of Illinois with a variety of programs to serve those in need. The same mission and commitment to serving those who struggle within their communities to succeed remains prevalent in the agency as we strive to help those served overcome these barriers to bring wellness, safety, and hope.