## ADVOCAC

Advocacy is the act of taking a position on an issue and sharing that position with someone who can do something about it to bring systematic, lasting policy change.

# Why advocate?

- 1. Policy decisions affect everyone!
  Advocacy can lessen threats and/or strengthen policy decisions that create better outcomes for communities and individuals.
- 2. Because advocacy works!

  Effective advocacy can result in opportunities and better outcomes for the communities where you live and work

Types of Advocacy

Self-Advocacy

Individual Advocacy Systems Advocacy

## How to Advocate for Change:

- Research to make your case for change
- Raise awareness to move people to action
- Educate and engage policymakers and other stakeholders
- Build a strong and diverse group of partners to make your voice heard
- Use personal stories that show the effect of policy on the community

# Policy Makers In Bowling Green

#### **Bowling Green City Commissioners**

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#### **Warren County Magistrates**

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#### **Kentucky Legislature -**

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- Brett Guthrie 2nd District 270-842-9896