

Speaker Bio's

Indra Frank, MD, MPH

Hoosier Environmental Council
Director of Environmental Health and Water Policy.

Her first career was as a physician specialized in pathology. In 2004 she shifted to environmental health and has since worked in environmental health programs, education, and policy with Indiana-based nonprofit organizations. Indra has a bachelors in biochemistry from Pomona College, an MD from Johns Hopkins University, and a master's in public health from Indiana University.

Table Talk Conveners:

Tim Kalgreen, M.Ed.

Director of Civic Education,
Indiana Bar Foundation

Since 2019, Tim has led the team that puts together programs and professional developments for teachers across the state, including We the People, Mock Trial, U.S. Senate Program, Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council, and Indiana Kids Election. On behalf of the Foundation, Tim also leads the effort for educational civics outreach efforts, public policy initiatives, and the Indiana Civics Coalition. Previously he was a program coordinator at the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education for 12 years. Tim has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in education, specializing in social studies and global education, both from The Ohio State University.

Rebecca McCracken, Coalition Coordinator

Since 2018, Becca has dedicated herself to the cause of gun violence prevention. Her journey began as a volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and her commitment has only deepened since then. Currently employed by the Marion County Youth Violence Prevention Coalition, Becca contributes to collaborative, multifaceted efforts to curb violence among youth. She actively engages with partners to leverage teamwork for more impact. By utilizing social media and the coalition website SaferINDY.com, Becca aims to educate the public and challenge prevailing notions around gun violence and safety. Additionally, her involvement with Hoosiers Concerned About Gun Violence underscores her dedication to addressing this critical issue from multiple angles.

Kerwin Olson

Executive Director at the Citizens Action Coalition.

He was named the ED in 2011 after previously serving as Program Director, Public Outreach Liaison, and Phone Canvass Director. He is CAC's chief public policy spokesperson and CAC's primary lobbyist at the Indiana Statehouse. He studied American history and political science at the University of Chicago and was a music and theater geek at North Central High School in Indianapolis. He has three children of his own and two stepchildren, ranging in age from 18-34. He was born in Jamaica, Queens and grew up in the Morningside Heights neighborhood of Manhattan before moving to Indianapolis as a teenager. <https://www.citact.org>

Alexandra Rollo, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.

MOMs is a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that protect people from gun violence. During her six years with the organization, Alex has helped in countless ways, including leading team meetings, collecting and sharing gun violence stats, working with partner organizations, and emceeding the annual Wear Orange event for National Gun Violence Awareness day. Outside her work with MOMs Demand Action, Alex is a Hoosier Women Forward alum and Administrator for the Mayor's Action Center.

Julia Vaughn, Executive Director, Common Cause Indiana.

As Executive Director, Julia Vaughn organizes and coordinates campaigns to build a better democracy in Indiana. Julia Vaughn has been an advocate working in the public interest for more than 30 years. Vaughn joined the staff of Common Cause/Indiana in 1994 and has served as the Policy Director since.

Since 2008 Vaughn has been the Project Director for the Common Cause Election Protection project in Indiana. The project focuses on ensuring that all eligible voters will be able to vote, and have their vote counted. The project targets both student and minority voters in several Indiana cities and involves recruiting, training and deploying voter advocates to polling places on Election Day, where they provide assistance to both voters and poll workers.