BIO – Candy Yoder

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**Short Bio**

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**Long Bio**

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Candy earned her bachelor's degree in social work from Eastern Mennonite University and a master’s degree of Public Affairs from Indiana University South Bend. She has served on the boards for Concord Community Schools, Horizon Education Alliance, Goshen Health System and Tolson Center for Community Excellence. In 2014, she was named a YWCA Woman of the Year for the North Central Indiana region.

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