



## VOICES & CHOICES for children

# 2018 EQUITY ELECTION GUIDE

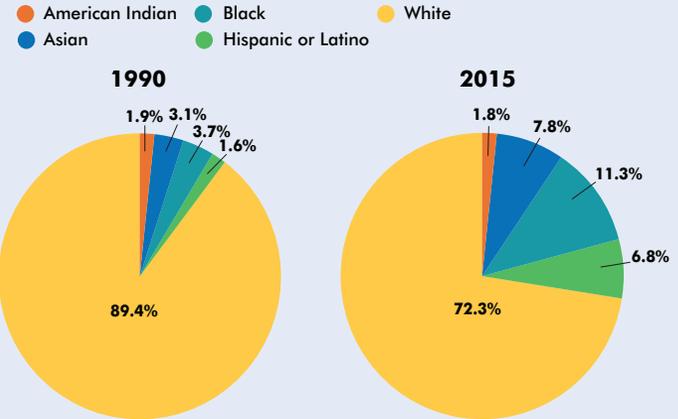
Changes in the racial and ethnic makeup of Minnesota's population is shifting at the same time as the population ages, bringing challenges and opportunities along the way. The Voices and Choices for Children Coalition encourages community members to engage with candidates at all levels and center questions regarding equity during this year's elections.

### Minnesota's Changing Demographics:

The Minnesota State Demographic Center estimates that by 2035 people of color and American Indians will make up 25 percent of Minnesota's population. Sixty percent of the state's total projected population growth from 2013 to 2035 will be in populations of color. The future of the state hinges on the success of all Minnesotans, and particularly on improving outcomes for the growing number of children of color across the state.

***With an increasingly diverse population, what policies or programs will you champion to address the unique needs of people of color and American Indians in our state?***

### Births by race and ethnicity, 1990 and 2015



**Minnesota's success depends on better outcomes for all of its children.**



Election Day is **November 6, 2018**.  
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**1-877-600-VOTE (8683)**

## Racial And Ethnic Disparities

Minnesota is ranked fourth nationwide in child well-being according to the 2018 *KIDS COUNT* Data Book, but the high ranking masks persistent racial disparities in health, education, and economic outcomes. Given the moral and economic imperative to ensure that every child has the resources and opportunities needed to meet his or her full potential, ***what strategies would you suggest to expand access to opportunity and reduce our racial disparities?***

### About Voices and Choices for Children Coalition:

- Founded in 2014 to bring more voices of people of color and American Indians into policy and decision making spaces.
- Vision: For a state in which we have parents, advocates and leaders of color and American Indians enabled to exercise their collective power to promote their own solutions, visions and values for society based on increasing more equitable outcomes for their children and communities.

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