

# WORKING TOWARD EQUAL PAY:

FIVE POLICIES WE NEED TO BUILD AN INCLUSIVE, THRIVING WORKFORCE

Hoosiers should receive equal pay for equal work. However, pay discrimination is only part of the equal pay problem: many workers - disproportionately women and people of color-face structural barriers to accessing and persisting in high-quality career options. Removing these barriers would allow our families, communities, and economy to thrive.

## EQUITY-FOCUSED CAREER COUNSELING

The roots of occupational segregation begin early, but equity-focused career counseling has the potential to broaden the range of career options Hoosiers consider and pursue.

### SUPPORTS FOR PREGNANT WORKERS

Workers shouldn't have to choose between a healthy pregnancy and their job. Reasonable accommodations and paid leave enable pregnant and parenting workers to work safely, keep their jobs, and support their families.

#### **CHILDCARE**

Childcare is essential for working parents, yet far too many cannot find affordable, high-quality options.

#### **FAIR SCHEDULING**

Just-in-time scheduling practices disproportionately harm caregivers. Conversely, notice and control promote the ability to plan childcare, obtain postsecondary credentials, and maintain a budget.

#### **ONE FAIR WAGE**

Subminimum wages disproportionately harm women, people of color, and people with disabilities. One fair wage sets a floor for all types of work.

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