

THE COVID-19 RECESSION HURT HOOSIERS' FINANCIAL WELL-BEING. HERE'S HOW WE RECOVER.

INDIANA IS OUR HOME, but years of neglect have made it a place that doesn't allow all Hoosiers to thrive, especially women, people of color, and individuals with disabilities. Hoosier families need a sturdier foundation, the ability to weather storms, and opportunities to grow. It's always better to fix the roof while the sun is shining; in a storm, you have to prioritize to prevent further damage and address the basics. In 2021, Hoosier leaders should focus on policies that address these critical needs.

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2 Build a sturdier foundation.

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3 Create more opportunities to grow.

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POLICIES THAT WILL HELP HOOSIERS RECOVER FROM THE STORM

WHEN HOOSIERS ARE FINANCIALLY STABLE, they can achieve their full potential and better contribute to their communities. Policy plays an important role in building families' economic well-being.

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- Advocate for human services programs to maintain or increase their funding levels. Now is not the time to balance the budget by taking from programs when Hoosiers need them the most.
- Increase TANF eligibility and benefit levels, Remove the Family Caps from TANF, continue the waivers that are helping families to access TANF and SNAP, CCDF, etc.
 - End predatory lending.

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- Require reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers.
- Support safe, stable affordable housing.
- Require job-quality measures, such as raising wages, paid leave, fair schedules, etc.
- Improve the state's Earned Income Tax Credit.

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- Strengthen and improve On My Way Pre-K and childcare affordability.
- Invest in quality degrees and credentials, while supporting students as they realize their potential through higher education.