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How the Institute Sets its Policy Agenda

- The policy and legislative recommendations are in keeping with the vision of the IN-CAA and the goal Institute.
- Recommendations are based on the culmination of the Institute's analysis of research, data, information, and national best practice models.
- The policy issues are timely and have direct relevance to the work of IN-CAA and the Institute.















Institute's Policy Agenda

Items to monitor or areas of concern

AND

 Specific policy and legislative recommendations which the Institute, for which the Institute will serve a lead role









Items to Monitor

- Protecting Work Support Programs especially as it relates to privatization
- Encouraging the State to prioritize CCDF vouchers for TANF recipients
- Increase access to health care in particular through the Healthy Indiana Plan









Items to Monitor

- Funding and match rates of Indiana's IDA program
- Affordability of postsecondary education for adult students
- Declining State revenues
- State funding cuts
- Reforms to Indiana's tax system









- Based on the Institute's research during the 2009 calendar year, the Institute's policy agenda will focus on three main areas:
 - Unemployment Insurance;
 - Higher Education; and
 - Tax Reform.









- Indiana's Unemployment Insurance System
 - Updating the UI System (Modernization)
 - Adopting an alternative base period
 - Index maximum amount to wages
 - Index wage base to State wages
 - Extending UI to part-time workers
 - Increasing UI funds solvency
 - During 2009 session INGA passed a bill increasing employer's contribution to the UI fund









- Higher Education
 - Increasing the State's allocation to the Part-Time grant program
 - Eliminate Indiana's March 10th filing deadline for the FAFSA









- Tax Reform
 - Indiana should implement a circuit breaker to provide property tax relief
 - Expand the sales tax to services
 - Increase the personal exemption and increase the State's income tax rate









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