

# THE COVID-19 RECESSION HURT HOOSIERS' FINANCIAL WELL-BEING. HERE'S HOW WE WORK TOWARD RECOVERY.

**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 2022, Hoosier leaders should focus on policies that address these critical needs.

## Patch the roof to prevent further damage.

Hoosiers need support to weather the current storm of economic fall-out, including income supports and consumer protections.

## Build a sturdier foundation.

Building and repairing Indiana's economic foundations would help Hoosiers handle whatever crises come their way. Policies improving job quality would ensure that hard-working Hoosiers receive good wages, benefits, and supports, putting them on a strong financial foundation.

## Create more opportunities to grow.

Investing in public services and learning opportunities for all ages makes Indiana an attractive place for Hoosiers to live and grow their families and businesses. Lawmakers should draw revenue from those who benefit the most within our current infrastructure and invest in early childhood, workforce training, and postsecondary education.

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# POLICIES THAT WILL HELP ALL HOOSIERS RECOVER FROM LIFE'S STORMS

## 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.

### 1 Patch the roof to prevent further damage.

Hoosiers need support to weather current and future storms of economic fall-out, including income supports and consumer protections. Lawmakers should:

- End predatory lending.
- Support safe, stable affordable housing.
- Improve the TANF program so that it equitably supports all Hoosier families.
- Allocate all federal recovery dollars in a targeted way to serve as many vulnerable Hoosiers as possible, in the most equitable way possible and with public transparency.

### 2 Build a sturdier foundation.

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- Require job-quality measures, such as raising wages, paid leave, fair schedules, etc.
- Promote tax policies that improves the livelihoods of Hoosier families.

### 3 Create more opportunities to grow.

Investing in public services and learning opportunities for all ages makes Indiana an attractive place for Hoosiers to live and grow their families and businesses. Lawmakers should advance proposals that support childcare providers and that promote early childhood, workforce training, and postsecondary education.

- Strengthen and improve On My Way Pre-K and support childcare providers in order to expand access to safe, affordable childcare.
- Advocate for access to quality degrees and credentials, while supporting students as they realize their potential through higher education.