
The Indiana Institute for Working Families’ 2016 Legislative Public Policy Agenda is comprised of tools that will reward hard-working Hoosiers by ensuring they share in economic growth, strengthen work-support programs for our most vulnerable citizens, and ultimately equip all Hoosiers with the opportunity to obtain the skills necessary to attract high-paying, quality jobs that are necessary for a family’s economic self-sufficiency.

Financial Assets & Opportunities

Reduce Driver’s License Suspensions for Violations Not Related to Safety
Hundreds of thousands of Hoosiers are trapped in a cycle of poverty and legal trouble due to suspensions that impair reliable transportation for work and family obligations. Other necessary remedies: reinstatement-fee amnesty program, repayment plans and alternatives to suspensions.

Allow Individual Development Account Program Participants to Purchase Vehicles for Work or Education
Lack of adequate transportation is a substantial barrier to access and completion of post-secondary education and training for many low-income working adults.

Protect Payday Loan Borrowers from Falling into Debt Traps
Require lenders to provide additional truth-in-lending information to borrowers. Also require lenders to offer installment payment plans with no additional fees for the borrower’s initial loan.

Strengthen the Safety Net
Eliminate the SNAP Asset Limit to Help Families Weather the SNAP “Cliff”
Encourage savings behavior, promote self-sufficiency and upward economic mobility and reduce administrative costs for the state.

Establish a Work-Sharing Program
This unemployment insurance benefit explicitly targets job preservation and allows businesses to retain their skilled workforces during times of temporary decreased demand.

Open the Earn Indiana Program to Part-Time Adult Students
Make ‘Earn Indiana’ work-based learning opportunities open to part-time students who are eligible for the Adult Student Grant.