



Piece of the PI: Newsletter

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Executive Director's Letter

Advocacy is a funny thing.

It's not like so much of the work that we do that involves a clear start and end date, finite definitions of success, and evaluation tools to assess impact and satisfaction at the end. With advocacy, you can't just stop once you can say you've performed a job well done. Instead, it's an absolutely give it your all until it's finally out of your hands (when you can then switch to wringing those hands together with nerves), and a group of elected officials is left to decide what success or failure looks like for you. And sometimes, no matter how great you did your job, your bill fails or the bill you opposed passes.



But to avoid that fate, advocacy involves having a lot of conversations, over and over, with the same and different people who sometimes change their minds along the way, also over and over at times. And that's exactly why we make calls for those who believe in our causes to make their voice known until the very last minute, down to the wire. Because it matters.

And sometimes, advocacy involves unexpected wins. Real wins. Like the ones we had this week. That is not to say we don't remain vigilant. But for now, we celebrate!

Our policy team – led by Policy Director Kathleen Lara – is so grateful to report that not only was the 1) payday and high-cost installment loan expansion bill, SB 613, being considered by the General Assembly, defeated after not being called for a vote on final reading in the House, but 2) we also saw the passage of a bill – HB 1495 – designed to better inform and protect Hoosiers who buy a home through land contract – upon third reading in the Senate.

And of course, all of this happened while I was away this week in D.C. for a conference and Capitol Hill visits, since we simultaneously have important legislation at stake at the federal level as well.

And both here (in DC) and at home, our team got to see our members at work. Telling the stories of impact in ways that really only they can. Stories that warn, stories that inspire, stories that inform, and stories that motivate our elected officials to act. And we're completely honored and humbled

Upcoming Events

[April 18: New Hope Services Spring Breakfast & Tour \(Jeffersonville\)](#)

[April 18: Race to Lead - Women of Color in the Nonprofit Sector \(Webinar\)](#)

[April 18: Ensuring Impact - The Role of Philanthropy in Opportunity Zones \(Webinar\)](#)

[April 18: Love Thy Neighborhood Awards \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[April 29-30: IHCD Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[April 30: Fair Housing Rental Basics Training \(Mishawaka\)](#)

[April 30-May 2: Supportive Housing Summit \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[May 10: APA-IN Professional Development Conference \(Wabash\)](#)

[June 12-15: 27th Annual Congress for the New Urbanism \(Louisville\)](#)

Social Media Recap

[The House just adjourned without calling SB 613! The bill dies! THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADVOCACY! Your voices were heard!](#)

[House is in session - waiting to see how votes turn out on SB 613, the high cost loan expansion bill...will keep you posted when debate is underway.](#)

[Today is it - the House will vote on SB 613, the predatory](#)

by the commitment and strength that our network has to make a difference in our communities.

We are thankful to do this work for, with, and through our members. We can make a difference because YOU, OUR MEMBER, make a difference.

So, thank you! Thank you for all the ways you are strengthening our communities. And this week, we especially thank those who participated in our advocacy efforts. Job well done!

As always, thank you for being a Piece of the PI Network!



Jessica Love

Executive Director

**This month's
Piece of the PI:
ADVOCACY**



We amplify your voice at the statehouse.

Don't miss our upcoming Policy Updates webinar where we'll discuss wins and losses from the Indiana General Assembly and next steps for state and federal advocacy!



Upcoming Webinars

Prosperity Indiana, in collaboration with JoAnna M. Brown & Associates and Sagamore Institute, is offering a new webinar series in 2019 designed to explore diverse strategies to build individual, organizational, and community

[lending expansion bill.](#)
[CONSTITUENT CALLS ARE CRITICAL!](#) Please call 800-382-9842 & urge your Rep. to [#Reject613](#) & ask his/her [legislative assistant to please make sure they get your message before the vote!](#)

[House Financial Institutions Committee votes 7-3 to approve SB 613 - the payday and subprime loan expansion bill.](#) [MAKE YOUR CALLS NOW TO URGE YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO VOTE NO WHEN THIS COMES TO THE FLOOR!!!](#)

[House Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee discussing amendment language completed early this morning ahead of vote on SB 613.](#)

[Rep. @CareyHamilton1, in discussion on the bill, references the > 100 strong coalition of faith-based & community organizations that have testified that the expansion in SB 613 will only make the work of helping distressed borrowers and Hoosiers more difficult.](#)

[Rep. @RCShackleford asking how this helps build credit when the default rate on payday products remains substantial](#)

[Let's be clear - we've read the amendment and the only thing on the table is predatory loan expansion. Legislators should stand with Hoosier consumers and reject this bill!!!](#)

[Finally have amendment moments before vote in committee on SB 613 - can confirm makes very minor mods](#)

wealth through capacity building, collective impact, communication and nonprofit management concepts.



Strategic Board Building

April 26, 2019

Nonprofit governance and leadership aren't easy and building a strong nonprofit board can be difficult, especially if you're a small organization. It entails being knowledgeable about a wide range of topics that are unique to nonprofits and exclusive to board service. A well-functioning board is essential to a thriving nonprofit.

This webinar provides easy to understand concepts and strategies to walk organizations through strategic and effective board member recruitment and engagement. Participants will learn how to assess current board member representation, develop recruitment strategies to address diversity and industry gaps, set clear and measurable fundraising expectations, and design step-by-step nomination and new board member orientation practices.

RESCHEDULED: Are Your Volunteers Helping or Hurting Your Organizational Capacity?

May 3, 2019

It is common practice for organizations to use volunteers to help with a wide variety of projects. By leveraging volunteers, we can create greater engagement with community members supportive of our work, as well as achieve more than doing everything ourselves. But volunteers can also drain resources if not focused and managed effectively.

In the upcoming webinar, "Are Your Volunteers Helping or Hurting Your Organizational Capacity," find out the answers to some of the pressing questions regarding volunteer management. Does my organization have the capacity to handle volunteers? Are volunteers something my organization really needs? What can my organization do differently to better manage its current volunteers?

BUT MAINTAINS payday expansion in chap. 7 & includes new version of high cost installment loan in chap. 8 + keeps UCCC up from 25% to charge 36% and increase prepaid finance charge

Still no language and we are three hours away - legislators working on this bill should amend this to a study and really put the numbers on the table before voting to advance sweeping expansion of payday and subprime lending!!

Today the Senate Judiciary Committee passed HB 1495, a bill to provide better transparency in homeownership land contracts! Thank you Sen. Bohacek, @SenatorJDFord, @JeanBreaux, and Reps SUmmer, Clere, and Fleming for your leadership and partners @FairHousingIN @INInstitute

Exciting day of meetings with Indiana's delegation advocating for strong solutions to empower our network's efforts to expand & preserve access to affordable housing across the Hoosier state. @NLIHC #NLIHCForum19

Comprehensive solutions are required to tackle a crisis of this scale = why @INCommDev advocates for federal + state policy solutions addressing landlord tenant laws & increasing resources to expand access to affordable housing.

@INCommDev is in US House Financial Services Committee room this morning as they vote on the Ending Homelessness Act to significantly increase resources for homeless assistance grants, choice

[Community Needs Assessment: Data Resources and Mapping Tools](#)

May 17, 2019

In order to make a meaningful impact upon their neighborhoods and communities, nonprofits must take time to assess the community's strengths, weaknesses, needs, assets as an essential first step to building organizational capacity - whether that's tweaking existing programs or creating new ones and approaching funders and donors.

Participants will be introduced to national and local data tools for collecting relevant indicators. The training course is designed to help answer the following questions: (1) Where do I find the data? (2) How do I extract the data? (3) What does each data set tell me? And, (4) What are the data's limitations? Participants will also learn how to easily map statistics and employ the data based on the organization's defined parameters. Learn how your organization can use data to continuously learn, adapt, and improve.

[How to Manage a Faith-Based Nonprofit in a World Without Faith](#)

June 14, 2019

Many nonprofits are rooted in a faith-based approach to alleviating societal challenges. In a secular world, some faith-based nonprofits find it difficult to maintain the integrity of their religious identity when engaging with donors, funding organizations, beneficiaries, and the community.

This webinar offers a discussion on how to navigate a faith-based organization in an environment that can appear reluctant, if not sometimes hostile, toward overtly religious solutions to some of our nation's most pressing social issues.

Understanding and Using Outcome Measures Training

Back by popular demand, Prosperity Indiana and Charitable Allies will be hosting a training on the basics of outcome measurement in Indianapolis and Merrillville this spring. During this training, you'll learn what outcomes are, their importance for improving and growing your programs, and which outcomes are most important to your organization. We'll also address some of the challenges associated with outcomes measurement and tools or strategies for

[vouchers, the housing trust fund & integrated healthcare programming.](#)

[Excited to have a Senate leader from the Hoosier state in @SenToddYoung who is pursuing bold solutions to address our nation's affordable housing crisis, rooted in conversations across Indiana about what prevents families and communities from thriving. #NLIHCForum19](#)

[Prosperity Indiana Executive Director Jessica Love testified before the House Judiciary Committee this morning in support of HB1495. Learn more about this bill, which aims to protect Hoosiers involved in land contracts: <https://t.co/a7E23008mw>](#)

[Prosperity Indiana's Policy Director @KatLaraIN testifying in opposition to SB 613. #Reject613](#)

[Community advocates speaking up about issues that matter to their work and those they serve makes a difference. Case in point: this coverage of Mark Lindenlaub of Thrive Alliance in Columbus discussing community impact of predatory lending with lawmakers.](#)

Job Opportunity

[Executive Director - Center for Neighborhoods, Louisville, KY](#)

[Submit News or Events](#)

overcoming these in a small organization. Click the links below to register.

[Indianapolis - May 22](#)

[Merrillville - May 23](#)

This training is funded by the Old National Bank Foundation.



We Want to Hear from You!

Prosperity Indiana strives to provide resources and events that are valuable and relevant to our members' work. In order to do that, we are asking our nonprofit Voting members to take twenty minutes of their time to tell us about their organizations, their services, and the communities they serve.

[Click here to submit your responses!](#)

Respondents will be entered into a drawing to win one of three \$25 credits to their Prosperity Indiana account!

Announcing a New Way for Members to Engage!

Prosperity Indiana is excited to announce that we are re-launching our Affinity Group online forums in the form of Facebook Groups! We have created groups exclusively for YOU, our members. These communities are meant to be places where members can share resources, ask questions, and connect with others in the field.

Groups are organized around different topics of relevance to our membership. Maybe you have expertise in a subject, or you just want to learn more - we encourage all levels of experience and knowledge to join. All you need is a willingness to learn and share!

[Join a group](#) (or multiple groups!) today and help us start the conversation!

Member Spotlight

We're getting to know our members on a personal AND professional level! Click a name to read more about this month's featured members.

[Anne Mannix](#), Neighborhood Development Associates



"When I was in high school, I worked in a hospital and I wanted to be a nurse but that would have been a disaster since I was terrible at chemistry and anatomy and physiology. The nurses I worked with told me that I should be a lawyer since I argued too much and wouldn't get along with the doctors. I never became a lawyer, but they were right."



[Doris Sims](#), Housing and Neighborhood Director, City of Bloomington

"I love working in the field of community development and housing

because it touches so many lives in various ways."

[Tysha Hardy-Sellers](#), Edna Martin Christian Center

"Access to opportunities and guidance to best leverage those opportunities are critical to success at an individual, family and community level. I was gifted with people who provided access and guidance. It's my turn to do the same."



Welcome New and Returning Members!

City of Elkhart

City of Lafayette

CAPE

Corporation for Supportive Housing

Four Rivers Resource Services

Future Choices
Harrison County Community Services, Inc.
HomesteadCS
HOPE of Evansville

Huntington National Bank

Indiana State University

Madison County Council of Governments

New Hope Services

Old National Bancorp

Regions Bank

Tri-Cap



Your Voices Were Heard! SB 613 Dies in the House

Due in large part to your outreach, testimony, meetings, calls and emails, lawmakers stood with a broad coalition of organizations opposed to SB 613 by choosing not to call SB 613 to the floor, effectively killing the bill. Please join us in thanking legislators who opposed this measure throughout session. We look forward to working with lawmakers to discuss reforms to high-cost loan products as well as ways to foster sustainable alternatives. [For details on the legislation, click here.](#)

Bill Providing Transparency in Land Contracts Passes Senate, Heads to Conference Committee

Yesterday, the Senate passed HB 1495, sending the bill to conference committee where legislators will negotiate bill changes between the Senate- and the House-passed versions. this bill aims to provide greater transparency and modest guardrails to land contracts for homeownership. While this can be a viable alternative homeownership model, Hoosier communities have seen large scale sellers churning borrowers in and out of properties. Those borrowers subsequently lose all of their investments along the way. HB 1495 would require a recording of these contracts as well as the the disclosure of key information about the property condition, terms of the loan, and what liens, if any, exist against the property. [Stay tuned to our policy blog](#) as the bill moves through the conference process.

Policy Update Webinar: Session Recap and Legislation to Watch

Wondering what happened to a bill you were following? Not sure how Statehouse decisions are going to impact your organization and mission? Join Prosperity Indiana's Policy Director Kathleen Lara on April 24 for an update on state and federal priorities critical to our network! This webinar will cover wins and losses from the Indiana General Assembly, next steps for state advocacy, as well as federal advocacy news related to our efforts to expand affordable housing, protect consumers, and strengthen Hoosier communities.

[Click here to register.](#)



AmeriCorps Position Available with Prosperity Indiana

Prosperity Indiana is seeking a reduced full-time (1,200 hours, eight month term) AmeriCorps member who wants to help Indiana nonprofits fill capacity gaps and has a talent for using data to tell stories of impact.

[Click here to read the full position description](#), or contact National Service Program Manager Carey Craig at ccraig@prosperityindiana.org for more info.

A&O Network Webinar - Navigating the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)

Join the Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network for a webinar on April 22 featuring A&O Steering Committee Member Jake Brown, Assistant Vice President and Manager, CRA at First Merchants Bank for a discussion on getting the most out of the community reinvestment act (CRA), the changes being discussed at the federal level, and more.

[Click here to register.](#)

Note: Registration for the first A&O training is free. Additional trainings will be restricted to members of the Network. For more information about becoming a member of the Network,

contact Logan Charlesworth
at lcharlesworth@prosperityindiana.org.



INDIANA ASSETS & OPPORTUNITY NETWORK

The ALICE Report: A Conversation on Advocacy & Data

Join the Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network on May 15 for a training with A&O Steering Committee Member Aspen Clemons, Impact & Outcomes Manager at Indiana United Ways, and Melanie Danko, Marketing Director at Indiana United Ways for a discussion on the ALICE Report and how to advocate for causes important to you and your organization using data and facts.

[Click here for more info.](#)

Thanks to Everyone Who Submitted an Empower Indiana Grant Proposal!

We received lots of great proposals for interesting and innovative programs addressing the social determinants of health. **Finalists will be announced on May 1.** And don't

forget to hold May 16, the day for finalist presentations, on your calendar!



Webinar - High Touch Servicing: A Way Out for Those at Risk of Foreclosure

In this webinar, presented by Prosperity Now, seasoned housing finance professionals will discuss lessons and best practices for high-touch servicing. Prosperity Now will also share findings from a [recent report](#), highlighting servicing processes for several CDFIs, state housing finance agencies (HFA) and other mortgage servicers.



[Click here to learn more and register.](#)

Webinar - Population Health: From Strategies to Solutions

This webinar, presented by Bill Barberg of InsightFormation, will explore three keys to moving beyond the typical Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIPs) and strategy documents that sit on the shelf to actually mobilizing a community to solve problems:

1. Adopting **Frameworks** around which to organize and align community efforts
2. Adopting **Processes** that engage community stakeholders to work as part of a larger team rather than working independently
3. Adopting **Technologies** that can greatly enhance information management and streamline collaboration

Participants will learn about practical tools and techniques that can be adopted as part of transitioning from creating strategy documents to creating dynamic approaches that build community teamwork and enhance efforts to address

chronic disease, behavioral health, social determinants of health, and more.

You have two opportunities to attend this free webinar - Tuesday, May 7 and Thursday, May 9. [Click here to register.](#)

2019 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development Filing

The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) plan to file their 2019 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development with HUD on May 15, 2019.

OCRA will have the 2019 Action Plan available for public inspection prior to its submission. Members of the public are invited to review the 2019 plan during the hours of 8:30 am to 5:00 pm through May 13, 2019 at the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs, One North Capitol, Suite 600, Indianapolis, IN 46204. The Plan is available online at www.in.gov/ocra/2369.htm.

CSH Supportive Housing Summit 2019

CSH Supportive Housing Summit will activate cross-sector collaboration and partnerships, connecting the dots with supportive housing. Leaders from many professional fields important to supportive housing, including healthcare, education, child welfare, workforce development, IDD, justice reform, addiction, community planning and others will gather in Indianapolis, April 30 - May 2.



[Visit the CSH Summit website for details.](#)

Free Virtual Workshop: Population Health Learning Collaborative

This workshop on May 23 will be the launch of the new [Population Health Learning Collaborative](#) - a new initiative for helping both hospitals and health departments that are striving to improve how they create and manage Community Health Needs Assessments and Community Health Improvement Plans.

Learn more about the workshop and Collaborative [here](#).

2019 OCRA Regional Conferences

The Office of Community and Rural Affairs is hosting their [2019 Regional Conferences](#) this May! Learn about trails, placemaking, public safety, broadband expansion and much more in this full day event, keynoted by Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch.



IPA Regional Forums: Growing Healthy Communities

IPA Regional Forums connect local funders in five Indiana regions on important topics and trends. This year, each forum addresses the reality that our zip code is more important than our genetic code in determining how long and how well we live.

Join fellow grantmakers to learn about the social and economic factors affecting your community's health, and how you can take action to meet these challenges head on.

June 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 | Five Locations

[Click here to learn more and register.](#)

2019 Credit Building Symposium

The Credit Builders Alliance will host the 6th Annual Credit Building Symposium on June 12-14 in Washington, DC. The theme of this year's Symposium is "The Value of Credit," highlighting both the impact credit has on opportunities for individuals, families, and small businesses, and the ways nonprofits are able to create, promote, and measure this impact.

[Click here to register.](#)



Indiana Civil Rights & Human Rights Conference

The Indiana Consortium of State and Local Human Rights Agencies is proud to present the 46th Annual Indiana Consortium of State and Local Human Rights Agencies Conference from June 17-20 in Indianapolis. Conference sessions will have four focuses: civil rights investigation and training, law and policy, civil and human rights, and diversity and inclusion.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Big Ideas, Small Town: Rural Placemaking Webinar

The [International Economic Development Council](#) will host a webinar on July 18 to discuss placemaking for makers, manufacturers, planners and real estate developers with an emphasis on existing land and stock. Participants will learn how their communities can build an identity and use placemaking as a catalyst for economic development.

[Register here](#)



IEDC Annual Conference

The International Economic Development Council is holding its 2019 Annual Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. The conference theme is "Driving Growth: The Race for Talent, Innovation, and Place."

IEDC is a non-profit, non-partisan membership organization serving economic developers. IEDC fosters the notion of regional collaboration in order to create economic opportunities for growth for businesses and communities. By bringing together economic developers, workforce developers, business leaders, elected officials, utilities, site selectors, and other vital stakeholders, the 2019 IEDC Annual Conference will allow attendees to exchange ideas on how to build sustainable economies that support jobs and opportunities for all.



[Click here to learn about the range of sponsorship packages and exhibit opportunities.](#)

Early bird registration ends August 9. [Click here to register.](#)

2019 Alliance for Strong Families and Communities National Conference

Save the date for the [2019 Alliance National Conference](#) taking place in Indianapolis on October 16-18, 2019! The Alliance for Strong Families and Communities is a membership-based organization that works with social sector leaders to help organizations more positively impact their communities. This conference is the Alliance's largest event and provides an opportunity to showcase practice, policy, and research that advances knowledge and action in the following areas: A Thriving and Vibrant Nonprofit Sector, Health and Well-Being, Educational Success, Economic Opportunity, and Safety and Security.

Midwest Asset Building Conference 2019

The biennial Midwest Asset Building Conference taking place November 13-14 aims to bring practitioners, policy advocates, and researchers together to share promising practices and strengthen our shared work in the region.

The members of the Midwest Asset Building Conference Planning Committee (including Prosperity Indiana and the Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network) are currently seeking innovative and engaging speakers and presenters focused on asset building and financial empowerment in the Midwest. The Committee welcomes proposals from regional, statewide, national, and international speakers and presenters who wish to bring their expertise and passion to the premier conference for asset building in the Midwest. Proposals are due Friday, April 26. [Click here to view the RFP.](#)

A range of sponsorship levels are available for this event. Contact Logan Charlesworth at lcharlesworth@prosperityindiana.org for information.

CICF Grant Seeker Guidebook

The [Central Indiana Community Foundation](#) awards more than \$55 million in grants to not-for-profits each year in the areas of quality of life, education, community vitality, neighborhood connectivity, and community assets. The [2019 Grant Seeker Guidebook](#) is now available on the [CICF website](#). Grant applications will be accepted May 1-31, 2019.



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