

Piece of the PI: Newsletter

A monthly publication for the members of Prosperity Indiana

March 2019

Executive Director's Letter

Although both my maiden and married names are English, I've been trained up to consider myself Irish. One reason, I think, is that my father, albeit a man of the cloth, gets a little hot under the collar at times, so he likes to point a finger at the ire of his ancestral countrymen. Also, of all the many international trips he and my mother have taken over the years, I think his stories from the Emerald Isle are some of my favorite. So, maybe all this Irishness being engrained in me over the years is what drew me to marry a Hoosier from South Bend and now pull for Fighting Irish (except when up against the Tide, mind you) and name our green-eyed Aussie Doodle Emmy (Emerald May). So, what of all this talk about Ireland? Well, in honor of St. Patrick's Day this week, I'd like to talk about a few pots of potential gold at the foot of the Prosperity Indiana rainbow. At PI, we call them Resources.

1. Don't forget: We received \$100,000 from CareSource Foundation to award [Empower Indiana grants, up to \\$50K](#), for innovation related to **social determinants of health**. Applications are due April 4.
2. If you live in rural Indiana, you may be eligible for **free technical assistance** through our partnership with a HUD TA provider. [Email us](#) to learn more.
3. Between our team and growing consultant pool, we provide **fee-for-service consulting at reduced rates** to members on a variety of topics. Current and recently completed projects include organizational capacity assessments, research and data analysis, strategic planning, coaching and CHDO TA.
4. We have a full series of organizational development **webinars** scheduled through the remainder of the year (plus, one will be added to the calendar in April, related to our work at the statehouse thus far this year!), and we're still building out our **in-person training** calendar. If there are specific trainings you would like to see, please [let us know](#).
5. We have **grant funds** to offer for organizations interested in **starting a Community Loan Center**, an employer-based payday alternative loan program, in their county. Reach out to [Logan](#) if interested.
6. Through an arrangement with InsightFormation, our members can utilize the cloud-based **InsightVision system** for performance measurement (whether to track accomplishments on a collective impact strategy

Upcoming Events

[March 22: Mental Health & Criminal Justice Summit \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[March 26: Transit Day at the Statehouse \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[March 27-29: 2019 NLIHC Housing Policy Forum \(Washington, DC\)](#)

[April 2: Credit Building Through Rent Reporting \(Webinar\)](#)

[April 3: FHCCI's 7th Annual Fair Housing Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[April 9-12: Preserving Historic Places Conference \(Evansville\)](#)

[April 17: 2019 Indianapolis Sustainability Summit \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[April 17-18: Opioid: Data to Action \(Indianapolis\)](#)

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

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

[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

[Last night @INCommDev's policy director, @KatLaraIN](#)

or to monitor your own organizational strategic plan goals). We call it the [Outcomes Platform](#) and provide it at a significantly **reduced price**. Ask [Kaytlin](#) for more details

7. We're considering conducting a statewide **salary survey** for the field. Depending upon response rate, we could segment this resource by region. Please let us know if you'd be interested in participating in the survey and receiving those results. [Click here](#).
8. We're currently planning our **regional member gatherings** and are working on incorporating **mini-trainings** into those events – be on the lookout for event details.
9. We believe the PI network is actually one of your very best resources and are planning new ways to provide better **member connectivity to learn from the best** in the field.
10. We're making the **Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network** a PI member benefit and will be rolling out **monthly trainings** (check out the list below under Resources). The first one (webinar) will be free to all.
11. And, and, and ... I could go on ... but my **LUCK** just may run out, if I don't stop now. So, please check out our [Programs](#) page for more (on Envision Collaborative, the Opportunity Investment Consortium, and securing AmeriCorps capacity) to inform and support your work.

And, as always, thank you for being a Piece of the PI Network! Luck of the Irish to you!



Jessica Love
Executive Director

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 wealth through

[stood with coalition partners in support of @IndyCouncil's bipartisan resolution urging defeat of SB 613, a bill that would drastically expand high-cost subprime loans in our state. #StopTheDebtTrap @INInstitute @AARPIndiana](#)

[Critical updated report from @NLIHC illustrates affordable housing crisis for Hoosiers: There is a 134,485-unit shortage of affordable, available rental housing for Indiana's 212,377 extremely low-income renter households! #TheGap19](#)

[Proud to be working alongside our members and legislative leaders like @SenToddYoung towards ambitious solutions to confront this crisis that impacts families and communities of all sizes and geographies across Indiana.](#)

[Happy PI Day! Thanks to all who are a Piece of our PI!](#)

[On the Hill and in good company as we spread the word about policy change needed to bring about a #JustEconomy @NCRC @IshmonJean @HomesteadCS @Jess_Love777 @INCommDev @SenToddYoung @CityofSouthBend @legacyfdn @RepAndreCarson @SenatorBraun](#)

[The Empower Indiana Grant Challenge, a new funding opportunity for Prosperity Indiana members to affect the social determinants of health funded by the CareSource Foundation, is now accepting](#)

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

[Using Transactional Resources to be Transformational](#)

March 22, 2019

Transactional is often a taboo word in community development. Especially when it comes to human services, we like to think of our efforts as being first and foremost relational. But transactional doesn't have to be a dirty word. Join a representative from Indiana's Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) to uncover how your organization can use transactional resources to be transformational.

[Tips and Techniques for Competitive Pitches for Grants](#)

April 12, 2019

Does your nonprofit organization have a great idea but needs funds to get it off the ground? Pitching funders requires more than a great idea. It requires finesse - and a detailed plan of action. And it's more than an elevator pitch. A persuasive and compelling sell - when entrepreneurs present their ideas to prospective investors - is necessary to propel most businesses. For social enterprises, in particular, it is the ticket to receiving impact investment and nonprofit grants. Perfecting your nonprofit's pitch takes hours of crafting, editing, practicing, and fine-tuning.

In this webinar, learn how to pick the right funder and craft the pitch that will get them on board using powerful and persuasive pitches, including team presentations to secure funding.

[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

[applications! More info at \[bit.ly/2BxuBPb\]\(http://bit.ly/2BxuBPb\)](#)

[Matthew Desmond: Poverty reduces people meant for better things. Housing gives people a shot.](#)

[Matthew Desmond: Eviction is not just a condition of poverty. It is also a cause... We can't fix poverty in this nation without fixing housing.](#)

[Matthew Desmond, who did immersive research living in a trailer park and poor inner city rentals in Wisconsin, on Indianapolis' high eviction rate: "I thought Milwaukee was bad. Indianapolis said 'hold my beer.'"](#)

[Eviction seems to push families deeper into disadvantage.](#)

[Matthew Desmond, author of Evicted, about his research on evictions: "We're in the richest democracy with the worst poverty - I wanted to see the role housing played in that story."](#)

[Excited to join the Hidden Housing Crisis event featuring @just_shelter Matthew Desmond for an important conversation about evictions in our state and how to bring about needed systems change. Thank you @IndyHabitat and @NCLegalClinic for hosting! #IndyHousingCrisis](#)

[Disappointed to report that SB 613 passed the Senate 26-23. We will continue our advocating for Hoosiers, urging opposition to this bill as it progresses to the House. Please know your voices made a difference in this debate. We](#)

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?

Opportunity Zone Resource Center

Check out our [Opportunity Zone Resources](#) page filled with the latest news, information, and expert analyses on Opportunity Zones, as well as all of the presentations and materials from the Opportunity Zone Workshop.

Partnership with NALCAB

Did you know that Prosperity Indiana can help your organization get HUD Rural Capacity Building funding through our partnership with the National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB)? As one of NALCAB's preferred technical assistance providers, Prosperity Indiana can connect members with this funding opportunity, help develop proposals and deliver technical assistance services. Contact us at info@prosperityindiana.org for more information.

[urge members & partners to continue speaking up!](#)

[Consideration underway now on SB 613...](#)

[In Senate gallery as legislators prepare to consider one bill to reign in predatory payday lending \(SB104\) & another to drastically expand payday & subprime loan products at exorbitant interest rates \(SB613\). WE URGE SENATORS TO VOTE YES ON 104 & NO ON 613!](#)

[Unfortunately, an effort to send SB 613 to a study committee failed. This bill would expand predatory loan products in the state and we spent the evening continuing to urge senators to oppose it, but we need your help! Please call first thing in the morning 317-232-9400!](#)

[HB 1495, providing protections & disclosures in land contracts for aspiring homeowners just passed the House, 82-14!](#)

[Thank you](#)

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A&O Network Training Calendar

The Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network is rolling out a series of monthly trainings on topics centered around asset building and financial stability. Registration for the first webinar is free. Additional trainings will be restricted to members of the Network. Contact Logan Charlesworth at lcharlesworth@prosperityindiana.org for more information.

[April 22 - Navigating the Community Reinvestment Act](#)

May 15 - The ALICE Report/Using Data as an Advocacy Tool

June - Workforce/Talent Development and Its Relation to Asset Development

July - Advocacy 101

August - Retirement Savings

September - Financial Literacy

October - Grassroots Advocacy

November 5 - Payday Loan Alternatives

Member Highlight - David Miller, CEO of Hoosier Uplands



Honored and excited, I drove to Mitchell, IN last month to deliver the John Niederman Rural Leadership Award to David Miller, CEO of Hoosier Uplands, a Community Action Agency, Area Agency on Aging, licensed Home Health Care and Hospice agency, and Community Housing Development Organization serving Crawford, Lawrence, Martin, Orange and Washington Counties. David was unable to attend our 2019 Summit where we officially recognized our

annual awardees, so delivery of his award was a good excuse and opportunity to learn more about one of our members. New to Prosperity Indiana and the community development industry, I was about to meet the man that John Niederman himself described at the Awards Luncheon by saying “this award could just as easily be named the David Miller Award.”

Located in the heart of Mitchell, I met David at the Hoosier Uplands office. We drove to lunch and then stopped by the [Mitchell Opera House](#), which Hoosier Uplands restored, and then visited [Serenity Now](#), a mental health clinic that Hoosier Uplands operates in Bedford, Ind. I learned the history, saw patients in the waiting rooms, and met the staff. And I was moved. For three hours, David and I talked about community development, life, challenges, commitment, and action, and I left that day changed for the better.

It became clear to me that day that Hoosier Uplands leads the community with integrity, high expectations, and a call to action. Their mission statement reads in part “All endeavors are pursued with the client in mind, never forgetting the value of every human being or the importance of our responsibility to the public which we serve.” And it’s obvious they do just that.

I am incredibly proud to work for Prosperity Indiana and want to learn more. This year, I am visiting member organizations every month and highlighting my experiences in this newsletter. Please let me know if you are interested

(rodonohue@prosperityindiana.org), and I'll get it on the calendar!

P.S. John Niederman... you were right!

Welcome New and Returning Members!

AARP Indiana

Area 10 Agency on Aging

Blue River Services

BRiCKs Alliance, Inc.

City of Evansville

City of Michigan City

City of Muncie

Community Action Program of Evansville

Community Alliance of the Far Eastside

Community One

Crestline Development

Englewood CDC

Fifth Third Bank

Foundations of East Chicago

Herman & Kittle Properties

Housing Authority of the City of Fort Wayne

Indiana Landmarks

Indiana Legal Services

Indiana Philanthropy Alliance

Janet Dermody

Marion County Public Health Department

Midtown Indianapolis

Near Northwest Neighborhood, Inc.

RealAmerica Management

Shepherd Community Center

Tom Fodor

United Way of Central Indiana

United Way of Madison County

Unity Foundation of LaPorte County

Virgie Ammerman

Sen. Warren Re-introduces Sweeping Affordable Housing Bill



On March 13, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Massachusetts) [reintroduced the American Housing and](#)

[Economic Mobility Act](#). This comprehensive legislation aims to address our nation's affordable housing crisis by producing more than 3 million new housing units, a 10 percent rent reduction, and the generation of 1.5 million new jobs. It also aims to promote home ownership and reverse discriminatory housing policies such as redlining and restrictive zoning.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Administration's Budget Proposes \$9.6 Billion in Cuts to Housing & Community Development Programs

President Trump [released his 2020 budget request](#) today and unfortunately, as in his FY18 and FY19 requests, the proposal again calls for dramatic cuts to housing programs that aid low-income households. Those cuts disproportionately affect seniors, those with disabilities, families with children, and veterans.

Overall, the administration proposes to cut HUD by an astounding \$9.6 billion or 18% below 2019 enacted levels, imposing deep cuts to affordable housing and community development programs. In addition to the cuts, the proposal revisits policy suggestions previously proposed by Secretary Carson to implement rental increases on the lowest-income households and work requirements that have not been shown to increase family or self-sufficiency.

Learn more in this [blog post](#).

Prosperity Indiana, Coalition Partners Hold Press Conference Urging Lawmakers to Reject SB 613

On March 11, Prosperity Indiana and the Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network were joined by dozens of military and veterans' groups, faith based-organizations and churches, social service providers, community organizations, concerned citizens, and more at the Statehouse for a Reject Senate Bill 613 press conference.



If passed, SB 613 would rewrite the definition of criminal loansharking and open the door for high-cost lending in Indiana by permitting larger, longer-term loan products outside of the current 72% cap. It would also increase the allowable cost on various consumer loans, including auto and installment loans.

Watch the recording of the press conference [here](#), and visit our [Policy Blog](#) to learn more.

Updated Report Shows Drastic Shortage of Affordable, Available Units to Extremely Low-Income Hoosier Households

A recent report update from the National Low Income Housing Coalition illustrates the critical need for affordable housing in Indiana. NLIHC researchers found that there is a 134,485-unit shortage of affordable housing for the 212,377 extremely low-income (ELI) renter Hoosier households. Households that are severely cost-burdened and are spending more than half of their income on housing are bearing the brunt of this crisis and are more likely than other renters to forgo healthy foods and healthcare in an effort to pay for rent.

[Click here](#) to learn more and access the full Indiana state profile.

Prosperity Indiana Policy Update Webinar

Join Prosperity Indiana's Policy Director Kathleen Lara for an update on state and federal priorities critical to our network! This webinar will cover the latest news from the Indiana General Assembly to Capitol Hill related to our efforts to expand affordable housing, protect consumers, and strengthen Hoosier communities.

[Click here to register.](#)

Empower Indiana Grant Opportunity

Prosperity Indiana has partnered with the [CareSource Foundation](#) to provide \$100,000 in funding to Prosperity Indiana members for innovations around the [social determinants of health](#). [Click here to learn more.](#)

Visit ProsperityIndiana.org/EmpowerIN to view the RFP, watch the webinar, or submit your proposal. Proposals are due April 4 by 5:00pm.

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.

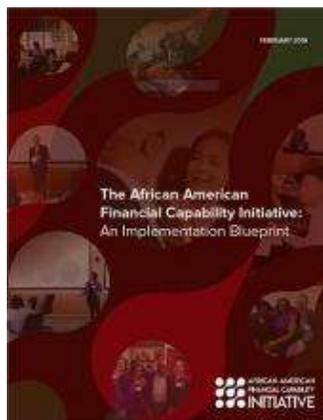
Public hearings will be held to discuss the draft Plan on March 25, 2019, 1:00-3:00 pm (ET). Hearings will be hosted by Purdue Extension at these locations:

- **Purdue Extension – Allen County.** Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 4001 Crescent Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46815. Local contact: [Vickie Hadley](#), 260-481-6826.
- **Purdue Extension – Lake County.** 2291 N Main Street, Crown Point, IN (one story building located just east of Lake County Government Center flag pole). Local contact: [Janet Reed](#), 219-755-3240.
- **Purdue Extension – Marion County.** 1202 E. 38th Street, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Discovery Hall, Suite 201, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Local contact: Monet Kees or [George Okantey](#), 317-275-9263.
- **Purdue Extension – Tippecanoe County.** 3150 Sagamore Parkway South Lafayette, IN 47905. Local contact: [Amanda Galloway](#), 765-474-0793.
- **Vigo County.** Vigo County Public Library, One Library Square – Meeting Room B, Terre Haute, IN 47807. Local contact: [Kristi Whitacre](#), 812-462-3371.

The African American Financial Capability Initiative: An Implementation Blueprint

Prosperity Now's Racial Wealth Divide Initiative helped 30+ partnering organizations build and implement community-centered financial stability pilot projects to improve and protect the economic security of African Americans in six cities: Des Moines, IA; Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN; Portland, OR; Seattle and Tacoma, WA.

This [implementation blueprint](#) was developed to advance funders, practitioners, and community members' understanding of the causes, consequences and remedies to African American financial insecurity. This



blueprint details the critical strategies to shift local paradigms of racial economic inequality through program design.

Call for Financial Well-Being Research Proposals

Abt Associates, with Prosperity Now on behalf of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is issuing a [Call for Research Proposals](#) to the [Financial Well-Being Research Symposium](#). The goal of the Symposium is to bring together academics, policymakers, researchers and financial educators from across a wide range of disciplines to enhance understanding of the factors and interventions that help people improve and maintain their financial well-being.

Deadline for submitting a proposal is March 28.

Opportunity Zones Webinar Series from CDFA

The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is renewing its Federal Financing Webinar Series with a focus on Opportunity Zones. The [CDFA Federal Financing Webinar Series: Opportunity Zones](#) is an exclusive, four-part online offering that will convene finance experts, federal agencies, and local development finance practitioners to discuss the variety of ways federal grants, loans, guarantees and credit enhancements can leverage greater investment in Opportunity Zones.

[Click here to learn more about the webinar series.](#)

FHCCI Fair Housing Conference - Registration Open

The [Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana's 7th Annual Fair Housing Conference](#) will be held on Wednesday, April 3 at the Marriott East in Indianapolis from 9:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

This year's keynote speaker will be [George Lipsitz](#), author and Professor of Black Studies at the University of California-Santa Barbara. Dr. Lipsitz studies social movements, urban culture, and inequality. His books include *Midnight at the Barrelhouse*, *Footsteps in the Dark*, *The Possessive*

Investment in Whiteness, A Life in the Struggle, and Time Passages. He serves as chairman of the board of directors of the African American Policy Forum and received his Ph.D. in history at the University of Wisconsin.

This year's conference will once again offer 15 fair housing topical breakouts. [Click here to access the full agenda and register.](#)



2019 Indiana Public Health Week Conference & Annual Meeting

Join IPHA on April 3, 2019 at Purdue University for the 2019 Indiana Public Health Week Conference & Annual Meeting. Current APHA President and Indiana's own, [Dr. Pam Aaltonen](#), will provide the keynote address. The meeting will also feature facilitated discussion about the future of IPHA, have a panel of representatives from the Great Lakes Public Health Coalition, and cover several Policy & Advocacy issues. Additional event details are [online here](#).



Registration Open for People & Places 2019

Registration is open for [NACEDA's People & Places 2019 Conference](#) taking place April 15-17 in Arlington, VA.

People & Places 2019 will bring together community development professionals from different regions, cultures, and national networks to share what's working to strengthen places and advance racial equity.



Get Your Tickets for the 2019 Love Thy Neighborhood Awards

The 3rd Annual Love Thy Neighborhood Awards hosted by LISC Indianapolis will take place on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at the Indiana War Memorial. The event will start at 5 p.m. with a cocktail reception featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks provided by local entrepreneurs who have been impacted by LISC's small business support.

This will be followed with attendees moving into the beautiful auditorium space for the awards ceremony. This annual event will be glamorous, yet rooted in the authentic cultures of area neighborhoods. Tickets for the event are only \$25 per person. [Click here to buy tickets.](#)

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 will be the launch of the new [Population Health Learning Collaborative](#) 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.

Presented by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs

Register Now!

2019 OCRA Regional Conferences

May 9 - City of Madison	May 23 - Town of Knightstown
May 16 - City of Huntingburg	May 29 - City of Angola
May 21 - Fair Oaks	May 30 - City of Greencastle

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.](#)

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](#)



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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. [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.



Stellar Communities Program Now Accepting Letters of Intent

The [Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs](#) (OCRA) has announced that submissions are open for communities to submit letters of intent for the [Stellar Communities Program](#).

Overseen by Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, the Stellar Communities Program is a multi-year, multi-million dollar investment initiative led by OCRA. This program works with communities in developing regional development plans, promoting local and regional partnerships and increasing economic development.

[Click here to learn more.](#) Letters of Intent are due by April 5.

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