



Piece of the PI: Newsletter

A monthly publication for the members of Prosperity Indiana

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Executive Director's Letter

When we ask where members find the greatest value in their membership, advocacy and training always rise to the top. These services fit into the R (resources) and A (advocacy) of our REAP framework. The third leg of that stool for us (putting aside P for programs, for a moment) is the E (engagement). And while we are thrilled that our resources and advocacy are draws to Prosperity Indiana, we are an association, which means we'd love to see a few more of you recognize the value of the network itself. So, we're doing some new things this year, in hopes of providing greater opportunities for you to benefit from being connected with each other, and not just the other services we provide.



For one, while we moved away from affinity groups in recent years, which saw varying levels of participation, we absolutely believe in convening communities of practice. So, our new iteration – currently being launched – are our [Facebook forums](#). We hope this will be a way for us to provide space for you to connect, and for us to then get out of the way – to allow you to share and get what you need from other members. See below for details about how to join the groups and start connecting with your peers. We will moderate these and add resources to them (and you can add resources too!) as requests arise. We have plans to provide (free!) forum-only, video-based content as well. So, [join the groups now](#), so you don't miss out! Also, please let us know if you don't see a group that you think we need.

Second, we are coming to more locations (than maybe ever?) for [regional member meetings](#). We'll be visiting seven locations around the state in May and June. And we'll be pairing the meetings with Opportunity Zone trainings, to ensure none of our members located in an OZ are left out of the OZ loop. We want members to know how to maximize the value of the tax incentive by pairing the zone designation with other funding opportunities. See below for registration information.

Third, we are building out resources to be shared with the network. To do that, we will need your engagement as well. For example, we plan to conduct a salary survey this summer; the more participants we have, the more robust and helpful the report will be. We know that geographic segmentation will make the survey stronger. So, the more responses we get from each region of the state, the more likely we'll be able to tailor the report to you. Please be on the lookout for that information coming soon! We're wanting to have that data ready and published for you, as you're budgeting for 2020 this fall.

Upcoming Events

[May 21: ICHS State Legislative Session Wrap-Up \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[May 23: Free Virtual Workshop - Population Health Learning Collaborative \(Online\)](#)

[June 4: FHLBI 2019 Underwriting Affordable Housing Workshop \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[June 12-14: 2019 Credit Building Symposium \(Washington, D.C.\)](#)

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

[June 17-20: 46th Annual Indiana Consortium of State and Local Human Rights Agencies Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[June 18-20: 46th Annual Indiana Civil Rights and Human Rights Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[July 18: IEDC Rural Placemaking Webinar](#)

[October 13-16: IEDC 2019 Annual Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[October 16-18: 2019 Alliance for Strong](#)

Also, we absolutely believe that strength comes with size and diversity. So, we'd love your help with growing the Network. We're proud to report that we already have as many members this year as we had by the end of 2018. But we do not want to stop there. One simple way for you to help is to embed our [member badge](#) on your website. We're even going to give you an extra incentive: Everyone who sends documentation of the member badge on your website by July 1 will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 credit on your Prosperity Indiana account, good towards any registration/dues.

So, what do you think? Will you help us meet our mission of building a better future for our communities by providing advocacy, leveraging resources, **AND engaging an empowered network of members** to create inclusive opportunities that build assets and improve lives? We believe you will.

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



Jessica Love
Executive Director

This month's Piece of the PI: ENGAGEMENT



We provide platforms for peer-to-peer learning and support.

Connect with peers in person at our upcoming Regional Member Meetings or online in our new Facebook groups!



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

[Families and Communities National Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

Social Media Recap

["Instead of saying cultural competency, we should focus on cultural humility and hearing lived experiences versus pretending we are 'competent' in someone else's lived experience." - Operationalizing race equity data session #CSHSummit19](#)

[Excited to join members and partners here today at the #CSHSummit19 as @IHCDA Executive Director Jacob Sipe kicks off today's events by highlighting multi-faceted approaches IN is pursuing to tackle addiction and homelessness holistically. @CSHinfo](#)

[Fun lunch, sad/happy reason: sad to lose our admin assistant Michelle \(center right\), but excited to see her enter the noble profession of teaching! She'll do great!](#)

[@INCommDev is working through sine die today along with @INInstitute, trying to get a meaningful bill's conference committee report passed through](#)

Indianapolis and Merrillville next week. 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 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.



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



[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)

[both chambers. HB 1495 would provide commonsense transparency and protections for those seeking to buy a home on land contract.](#)

Welcome New & Returning Members

EmployIndy

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Development

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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.



Prosperity Indiana is Coming To You!

We're bringing our annual Regional Member Meetings to SEVEN different locations around the state. Both Prosperity Indiana members and non-members are invited to join us for an **Opportunity Zones Workshop**

- presented by attorneys from Ice Miller - about pairing opportunity zones with other funding opportunities to maximize impact, followed by lunch and our regional meeting.



[Northeast - Fort Wayne - May 23](#)

[West - Terre Haute - May 29](#)

[Central - Indianapolis - May 30](#)

[East - Muncie - June 13](#)

[Southwest - Evansville - June 18](#)

[Southeast - Jeffersonville - June 20](#)

[Northwest - Hammond - June 26](#)

Join the Conversation!

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. Click on one (or more!) of the groups below to join and start sharing resources, asking questions, and connecting with others in the field!

[Affordable Housing & Real Estate Development](#)

[Community Health](#)

[Housing Counseling](#)

[Human Services](#)

[Individual Development Accounts](#)

[Landbanking](#)

[Management & Leadership](#)

[Microenterprise](#)

Exclusive Membership Badge

As an active member of Prosperity Indiana, we are proud to officially endorse your organization with this accredited membership badge to be placed on your website's home page. This marketing tool will help build relationships with community leaders, establish credibility with funding entities, gain exposure for your events, and help drive more people to your website. [Click here for instructions.](#)



Member Spotlight

We're getting to know our members on a personal AND professional level! This month's featured member - Angela Byer from First Financial Bank:

"I hadn't planned to have a career in banking but I really enjoyed learning how the banking system worked and how it impacts everything. I fell in love with lending and helping people become financially empowered through credit building and repair, reviewing the entire financial picture and offering suggestions to help save or make more money... As Community Development Outreach Manager with First Financial Bank, I am afforded unique opportunities to fuel my passion for individual and family financial empowerment."



[Click here to read more.](#)



Prosperity Indiana Comments on CFPB Proposal to Undermine the Payday Rule

Today, Prosperity Indiana submitted a letter on behalf of our network in response to the proposal to rescind the commonsense ability-to-repay requirements of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's 2017 payday and vehicle title loan rule. [Click here to read more.](#)

Prosperity Indiana Provides Feedback to the Draft State Annual Allocation Plan

This week, Prosperity Indiana submitted feedback to OCRA and IHCD in response to requests for public comment on the draft of Indiana's 2019 Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan is part of the consolidated planning process, which serves as the framework to identify housing and community development priorities that align and focus funding from federal Community Planning and Development formula block grant programs (CDBG, HOME, HTF, ESG, and HOPWA)... [More.](#)



Session of General Assembly Yields Important Wins, Missed Opportunities to Advance Prosperity in Indiana

This year, Prosperity Indiana saw some important policy wins, but legislators also failed to enact bills that would have helped more Hoosiers achieve housing and economic security. [Click here for everything you need to know](#) about how we spent the last four months as your voice in the Statehouse and the work ahead to advance member priorities!

Miss the Policy Update webinar? Watch the recording!

[Click here](#) to watch our Spring Policy Update from April 24, as Prosperity Indiana's Policy Director Kathleen Lara updated members on the status of state and federal priorities critical to our network! This webinar covers the latest news from the Indiana General Assembly to

Capitol Hill related to our efforts expand affordable housing, protect consumers, and strengthen Hoosier communities.



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.

Join today and become a member of the Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network!

The Network works to increase asset acquisition for low-wealth Hoosiers and to strengthen local economies through policy advocacy and capacity building in partnership with local organizations and coalitions. Members get a discount on trainings; free registration to the 2020 A&O Statehouse Day; all updates, alerts, and newsletters; networking opportunities and opportunities to partner with A&O for events around the state, and more!

[Join today](#)

Learn more about the Network [here](#) or contact Logan Charlesworth at lcharlesworth@prosperityindiana.org.



INDIANA ASSETS & OPPORTUNITY NETWORK



FHLBI 2019 Affordable Housing Program Workshop

The Underwriting Affordable Housing Workshop will walk through the changes in a proposed housing development finance structure as affordable restrictions are layered into the funding source stack. Whether you are a financial institution submitting an AHP grant for a housing partner or you are an affordable housing developer/consultant, you should be confident in preparing for the underwriting portion of the funding process. [Click here to register.](#)



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.](#)

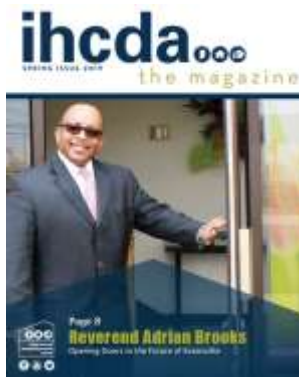
Home Team Advantage Indianapolis

Home Team Advantage: Designing and Financing First-Time Homebuyer Programs is a **free** comprehensive, one-day training event for housing professionals in support of local initiatives that expand homeownership opportunities for underserved households and buyers in distressed markets.

The event will take place in Indianapolis on June 18. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

Don't miss Rev. Adrian Brooks on the cover of the IHCDa magazine!

Born to parents that were deeply entrenched in the Civil Rights movement, Reverend Adrian Brooks, Sr. President/CEO of Memorial Community Development Corporation and Pastor of Memorial Baptist Church in Evansville, learned at an early age the courage and passion it takes to create change...[Read more.](#)



New report shows where gentrification is (and, more often, is not) happening

A new report - [American Neighborhood Change in the 21st Century: Gentrification and Decline](#) - from the Institute on Metropolitan Opportunity at the University of Minnesota Law School captures growth, low-income displacement, low-income concentration, and abandonment from 2000-2016 at the census tract level. [Check out our blog post](#) for the major findings of the report and to see where Indianapolis ranks.

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