



Piece of the PI: Newsletter

A monthly publication for the members of Prosperity Indiana

September 2019

Executive Director's Letter

What comes to mind when you think of engagement? Do you immediately go to rings and wedding planning? Or do you think about connecting with your peers? Based on some research we did last year, we know that your thoughts about “engagement” and Prosperity Indiana do not necessarily go hand-in-hand. And yet, in many ways, we see networking with others in our membership as being just as important to our work as the advocacy and training that we do. So, we are working to create more and better engagement opportunities to help you engage with other members more closely. And we hope, if you’re in one of our new [Facebook groups](#), you’ll introduce yourself and start asking questions of those who are also there because they are doing similar or connected work. And if you haven’t joined one of our Facebook groups, [you can go here now to do so](#).



To our credit, when you do think of engagement in conjunction with Prosperity Indiana, you generally think of our biggest convening of the year - the [Prosperity Indiana Summit](#).

So, in case you missed it, you will be happy to know that we have announced a date and theme for the 2020 Summit. It will be held on February 18, 2020. The theme is 20/20: Seeing Opportunity Through the Lens of Values. The focus will be on the important work we - our members and partners - are doing in light of our values through three coalitions: [Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network](#), [Indiana’s Opportunity Investment Consortium](#), and our newest coalition to lead - [Opportunity Starts at Home \(OSAH\) - IN Coalition](#). By highlighting A&O network concepts, we will look at innovation in financial capability and asset building strategies, including workplace solutions. Then, in our efforts to encourage development that is good for our Hoosier communities, especially those with Opportunity Zones, we will explore inclusive economic development as a priority when seeking to grow jobs in a place. Through the OSAH lens, we’ll explore the ways other sectors are impacted by the lack of affordable housing; and we’re looking for a focus on the health sector, as well as education, economic mobility, and racial equity.

With all of that in mind, I hope you’re as excited as we are about this content and opportunity to engage with others across the state who are doing similar or connected work! If so, we would love to see you as a [sponsor](#) of the event, a [presenter](#) for one of the sessions, a nominator or recipient of one of our [awards](#), as well as a registrant for this upcoming event.

Upcoming Events

[September 20: HAND 2019 Housing Conference \(Noblesville\)](#)

[September 25: MFCDC Lunch & Learn \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[September 26-27: 2019 Indiana Housing Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[October 8-10: Navigating Difference - Cultural Competency Training \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[October 9: Rewriting the Rural Narrative Workshop \(North Manchester\)](#)

[October 10: Rewriting the Rural Narrative Workshop \(Madison\)](#)

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

[October 16-18: 2019 Alliance for Strong Families and Communities National Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[October 24: Indiana Arts Homecoming \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[October 24: Ford Foundation Public Lecture \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[October 25: Ford Foundation Public Lecture \(Fort Wayne\)](#)

[November 6-8: Navigating Difference - Cultural Competency Training \(Syracuse\)](#)

And in the spirit of engagement, I “propose” that you should check out our [Summit page](#) for more details today!

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.**

Join us at the 2020 Prosperity Indiana
Summit for a day packed full of opportunities
to engage with peers in the field.



Upcoming Webinars

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

September 20, 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, towards overtly religious solutions to some of our nation's most pressing social issues.

[November 13-14: Midwest Asset Building Conference \(Detroit, MI\)](#)

[November 18-20: 2019 I'M HOME Conference \(Portland, OR\)](#)

[December 10-12: Navigating Difference - Cultural Competency Training \(Mitchell\)](#)

Social Media Recap

[Learned so much from our Midwestern peers during our biennial caucus \(and fellow NACEDA board members during our retreat\) while in St. Louis this week. Thanks to CBN for being such a great host!](#)

[#DYK that 60% of people in the U.S. say housing affordability is a serious problem in the area where they live? We agree. What do the candidates think? #DemDebates #OurHomesOurVotes2020 #OpportunityStartsatHome](#)

[#DYK that 76% of the public says it's harder today to find stable housing compared to previous generations? We agree. What do the candidates think? #DemDebates #OurHomesOurVotes2020 #OpportunityStartsatHome](#)

[#DYK that 85% of the public believes that a safe, decent, affordable place to live should be a top national priority? We](#)

[Building Backbone Support 101](#)

September 27, 2019

Under collective impact, backbone organizations cover six key activities: supporting vision and strategy, supporting aligned activities, establishing shared measurements, building public will, advancing policy, and mobilizing funding.

This webinar delivers an overview of the backbone in supporting collective impact efforts, how to build backing for it, and its importance in keeping collective impact on track.

[Community Assessment: Using Data and Shared Measurement in Collective Impact](#)

October 11, 2019

Data gathering and shared measurement systems are key elements for collective impact initiatives to better understand and assess their work, but can be also very challenging to start and sustain.

In this webinar participants learn from other initiatives about their practices related to gathering and sharing data, and the impact it had on their outcomes.



Webinar Library

Don't forget about all of the great resources available exclusively to members in our [webinar library](#)!



Save the Date!

[agree. What do the candidates think?](#)
[#DemDebates](#)
[#OurHomesOurVotes2020](#)
[#OpportunityStartsatHome](#)

[#DYK that 8 in 10 people in the U.S. think the pres. & congress should take major action to make housing more affordable for low-income households? We agree. What do the candidates think? #DemDebates #OurHomesOurVotes2020 #OpportunityStartsatHome](#)

[Happening now - Senate is debating the future of affordable housing finance. We continue to advocate for maintaining duty to serve, greater racial equity in homeownership & protecting Housing Trust Fund contributions.](#)

[Great turnout for the Fort Wayne Policy & Pizza meeting! Special thanks to @MyBrightpoint for hosting us!](#)

[Proud to join members, partners & policymakers last night rallying to help 75 families at risk of homelessness after mass eviction notices were delivered to I-70 mobile home park @inlegalsvc @bricksal @WestIndyCDC](#)

[Great day Missouri w/St. Louis Fed & NACEDA colleagues Tuesday! Participated in a panel on Impacts of Policies and Politics in Comm. Dev't with other association EDs & heard from PI](#)



The 2020 Prosperity Indiana Summit is coming up on February 18, 2020! Registration information coming soon. If you are interested in [sponsorship](#) or [presenting](#), visit ProsperityIndiana.org/Summit.

Annual Award Nomination Form

Each year at the Prosperity Indiana Summit, we take the opportunity to celebrate leaders and innovators in the community economic development field. Know an extraordinary individual who deserves to be recognized for their work in the field? [Nominate them here!](#)



Register for a Policy & Pizza Meeting

[member/keynote speaker Rev. Adrian Brooks of Memorial CDC about comprehensive community dev't.](#)

[What's intuitive is backed by research: the failure to adequately address safe, affordable housing needs, poverty and discrimination has very real and drastic consequences for individual and community health.](#)

[@OppStartsatHome](#)
[#OSAH-IN](#)
[#INHealthSummit](#)

[Thrilled to be part of the IN Health Equity Summit today alongside multi-sector partners working to confront inequities that hurt our communities to help Hoosiers achieve healthier lives! Thanks to @k11rwin with @HbD_IN for organizing this wonderful event! #INHealthSummit](#)

[So caught up in great conversation at our first Policy & Pizza meeting with members & legislators from Southern IN that we forgot a group photo! Luckily, we have more than made up for it in wonderful connections & updates for our network and policymakers!](#)

[Special thank you to @ryandhatfield, @matt_hostettler, Rep. Ed Clere, and staff from offices of @RepLarryBucshon and @SenatorBraun for joining](#)

Don't miss this opportunity to tell lawmakers about the work you do, the accomplishments you've achieved, and the challenges you face. There are just three Policy & Pizza meetings left - [Midwest](#), [Central](#), and [North Central](#).

[Click here to register in your region!](#)



Senate Subcommittee Approves FY20 Transportation, Housing Funding Bill

On Tuesday, September 17, the Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD) Appropriations Subcommittee approved its FY20 appropriations bill, laying out critical housing and community development program funding levels for our communities and member network. [Read our blog post for more information](#). The measure will go on to be considered Thursday (September 19) by the full Senate Appropriations Committee.

Senate Hearing Considers Administration's Housing Finance Reform Proposal

The Senate Banking Committee heard testimony from Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, HUD Secretary Ben Carson, and Federal Housing Finance Agency Director Mark Calabria regarding the Administration's proposal to overhaul the nation's housing finance system which could have sweeping implications for credit access. [Read more here](#).



Host an IAOC AmeriCorps Member-Fellow!

Looking to build capacity inside your organization? Consider hosting an AmeriCorps Member-Fellow! The IAOC - AmeriCorps Fellowship Program matches talented emerging leaders with

[our members today and sharing your insights!](#)

[Excited to join a conversation at 1pm EDT today on @AllinIndiana on @wfyi on the evictions crisis in Indiana and our @OppStartsAtHome multi-sector campaign to ensure more Hoosiers have a safe, affordable place to call home! Listen live at 1 here: \[wfyi.org/listen-now\]\(http://wfyi.org/listen-now\).](#)

[Submit News or Events](#)

Job Opportunity

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

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nonprofit organizations and governmental entities working at the forefront of Indiana's community and economic revitalization efforts. Host site applications are due by September 30.

[Click here for more information.](#)



Report Detailing Payday Lending's Financial Drain on Hoosiers Released by A&O, IWF

In 2002, the Indiana General Assembly granted payday lenders an exemption to Indiana's criminal loansharking statute, which sets a maximum annual percentage rate (APR) of 72 percent. Today, 262 payday loan storefronts make small loans with rates up to 391 percent APR in Indiana. [This report](#) from the Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network and the Indiana Institute for Working Families details the ways in which the payday lending industry has extracted millions from Hoosier communities.



[Read the full report here.](#)

Webinar: The Cliff Effect

Join the Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network on October 3 for a webinar featuring A&O Governing Committee Member Jessica Fraser, Director of the Indiana Institute for Working Families, as she discusses the cliff effect.

[Click here to register](#)



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



IEDC 2019 Conference

You don't want to miss International Economic Development Council's Annual Conference in Indianapolis this October. The IEDC Conference is the largest yearly gathering of economic development professionals from across the country and around the world. The conference features distinguished keynote speakers, dozens of interactive sessions led by industry experts, networking events, and educational tours. [Click here to register.](#)



Early Bird Registration Now Open: Midwest Asset Building Conference

The biennial Midwest Asset Building Conference brings practitioners, policy advocates, and researchers together to strengthen our collective work to address the racial wealth divide

and help families build prosperity in the Midwest. The conference will take place in Detroit, MI on November 13-14. Early bird registration ends October 4!

[Click here to register](#)



The Credit Builders Alliance (CBA) will host a one-day Credit as an Asset Training in conjunction with the Midwest Asset Building Conference. This training helps financial coaches, social service providers, asset building professionals, and many other understand credit building and credit education as a foundation component of any successful financial capability or asset building program.

[Click here for more information](#)

Martindale-Brightwood Launches Community Plan

The [MB7 \(Martindale-Brightwood 7\)](#) initiative is a bold plan to expand services, build economic opportunities and address social inequality and socio-economic trauma in the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood, solidifying a brighter future for the community. Learn more about the initiative [here](#).

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