



Piece of the PI: Newsletter

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Classes are in Session!

It's that time of year again. The kids are back in school and so are we! In the past month alone, the Prosperity Indiana staff have been in attendance at the NeighborWorks Training Institute, the Indiana Bike & Walk Summit, and the NACEDA 10th Anniversary Summit & Celebration learning and sharing with our peers in community development. And this edition of Piece of the PI is packed with opportunities for you to learn - conferences, trainings, webinars, and more! Make sure to register for one (or more!) of these events (Might we suggest the [Prosperity Indiana Summit](#)?) so you can continue to build your capacity as an individual and as an organization to **strengthen your communities!**

Registration is Open!

Be one of the First IN! for the **2019 Prosperity Indiana Summit**. This year's content will explore diverse strategies to build individual, organizational and community wealth. Sessions will be announced in the coming weeks, but register now to attend at the **lowest price!**



REGISTER HERE

Also, be sure to [register for the 2019 Prosperity Indiana Statehouse Day](#) on January 29 to meet with legislators and discuss the issues important to your work!

Meet Prosperity Indiana's Newest Staff Member!

Logan Charlesworth, our new Network & Resources Manager, joined the Prosperity Indiana team last month. Logan manages the Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network and works to promote the Community Loan Center program.

Partners' Events

[September 21: HAND Housing Conference \(Westfield\)](#)

[September 25: Joint Call to Action to Promote Healthy Communities Reception \(Indianapolis\)](#)

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

[September 27-28: Health in Action Summit \(Cleveland, OH\)](#)

[September 27-29: Indy Do Day](#)

[October 2-4: Aim Ideas Summit \(French Lick\)](#)

[October 3: IFF's 30th Anniversary Panel & Celebration \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[October 8-12: Downtown Development Week \(Statewide\)](#)

[October 10-12: Region V Fair Housing & Policy Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[October 12: Housing Co-op Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[October 16: Early Learning Summit \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[October 17-18: 2018 Affordable Housing Conference and Annual Meeting \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[October 18-19: Indiana Arts Homecoming \(Fort Wayne\)](#)

[Click Here](#) to learn more about Logan and how her cat, Banksy, changed the way Logan looks at our mission and her work!

And [Click Here](#) to learn more about the Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network and access its [resources](#).



New Report Reveals Concerning Data on Increasing ALICE Households

ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) households have incomes above the Federal Poverty Level but struggle to afford basic household necessities. The 2018 Indiana ALICE Report updates the cost of basic needs and the number of households earning below the amount needed to afford them from the period of 2010 to 2016. It also highlights emerging trends that will affect ALICE families in the future.

[Click here](#) to read highlights from the report on our blog, and [click here](#) to download the full ALICE Report.

First Report Profiling National Housing Trust Fund Projects in Indiana Released

This month, the National Low Income Housing Coalition published [Getting Started: First Homes Being Built with 2016 National Housing Trust Fund Awards](#), profiling how 42 states have awarded their inaugural 2016 National Housing Trust Fund (HTF) allocations. Prosperity Indiana pushed for the National HTF program's creation and funding, so it is encouraging to see these funds deployed to increase the supply



[October 24-25: Region V Fair Housing Law & Policy Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[November 1-2: IPA 2018 Fall Boot Camp \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[December 7: Partners in Housing Snow Ball Gala \(Indianapolis\)](#)

Social Media Recap

[New leadership from the Hoosier state on @NACEDAtweets Board as @Jess_Love777 is approved to serve & advance comm. develop efforts nationwide!](#)
[@INCommDev interests are front & center as we collaborate with nat'l leaders & state partners to advance the field.](#)

[Our take: common sense property tax policies are critical to ensuring nonprofits can continue to provide affordable rental housing for low-income Hoosiers.](#)

[Thanks to everyone who stopped by our open house last week! If you missed it, please stop by any time. Our comfy, bright green chairs are awaiting your arrival. Except today - today we're closed for Labor Day. Tomorrow?](#)

[Miss our webinar this week on the Community Loan Center payday loan alternative? View the recording to learn how the CLC works and what it takes to bring one to your community.](#)

of housing for severely cost-burdened households. Check out our [blog post](#) to learn about the progress in Indiana.

Congress May Punt Vote on Updated Funding for Housing Programs Until December

House and Senate appropriators are still working through last-minute negotiations towards a spending package that would authorize a FY19 budget for four appropriations bills, including Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (THUD) and Agriculture bills. If they cannot arrive at an agreement before the Sept. 30 deadline, legislators would have to continue working towards approval of FY19 budgets before Dec. 7.

[Read the full budget update here.](#)

Community Loan Centers: Informational Webinar



[Community Loan Centers](#) (CLC) exist to provide an alternative, fairly-priced loan program to low-income families. On Wednesday, August 29, the Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network hosted a webinar featuring special guest Matt Hull, executive director of the [Texas Association of Community Development Corporations](#), examining how CLCs are helping families in 16 markets across seven states. Topics covered include:

- What is payday lending and why are alternatives needed?
- What is a Community Loan Center and how does it operate?
- How can you bring a Community Loan Center to your community?

CLICK [HERE](#) to access the webinar.

[Proud to stand alongside amazing @CoburnPlace leaders on a housing toolbox to stabilize housing for targeted homeless populations at #INHomelessnessConf2018. In great company of @INCommDev members and partners today doing incredible work. @CHIPIndy @IHCDA](#)

[It's been a great week at #LouisvilleNTI learning about impact measurement and local grassroots community development!](#)

[Thank you, @SenDonnelly for standing with Hoosier consumers. We need a @CFPB Director we can trust to stand up to #predatorylending practices and #protectconsumers.](#)

[Thank you, South Bend members and partners for your insights and advocacy today!](#)

[Submit News or Events](#)



To learn more about becoming a CLC partner or how you can be informed of upcoming Network webinars and events, contact [Logan Charlesworth](#), Network Manager.

IFF's 30th Anniversary Panel & Celebration

Prosperity Indiana's Executive Director, Jessica Love, will serve as a panelist at member IFF's 30th Anniversary



Celebration. Join her and other nonprofit leaders and partners for an engaging discussion about how Indianapolis nonprofits are leading the effort to strengthen communities and promote equity. This event is free to Indianapolis-area nonprofits.

[RSVP here](#)

OCRA Releases First in Micro-Learning Series

The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs is excited to launch a series of micro-learning videos designed as a resource to assist communities with capacity building, developing partnerships, and strengthening leadership.



The first video, presented by Prosperity Indiana, is titled "AmeriCorps - Getting Things Done in Hoosier Communities."

Learn more and access the videos [here](#).

Job Opportunity with Thrive Alliance: Housing Development Manager

Join a team committed to improving the lives of seniors, disabled and low-income people in our communities! The Housing Development Manager is an important member of the Thrive Alliance team and is responsible for finding and developing new opportunities to expand housing options in the 5-county region of Bartholomew, Brown, Decatur, Jackson, and Jennings.

[Click here for the full position description.](#)

Financial Coaching through Apprisen

Financial stress can affect employees' work productivity, health, and job satisfaction. You can help reduce your employees' financial stress and increase productivity by offering individual financial coaching as an employee benefit.

Thanks to generous funding from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, Apprisen has been awarded grant funds to work with employers to offer Financial Coaching as a benefit to their employees. Through the program, you can offer individual financial coaching to your employees at a low cost for each employee who signs up!

[Click here](#) for more info, or contact Lisa Piercefield at lisa.piercefield@apprisen.com.



Helping Families Thrive Through Financial Coaching

LISC has created Financial Opportunity Centers (FOC) that bundle one-on-one financial coaching and employment services to help low-wealth families move closer to financial independence. In spite of the positive results, retaining members to be coached has proven difficult. To that end, LISC has worked with the Common Cents Lab at Duke

University's Center for Advanced Hindsight to test an approach to improved coaching retention based on the principles of behavioral economics.

Learn more in [this A&O blog](#).

FHCCI Announces Fair Housing Disability Trainings

In partnership with Indiana Disability Rights, the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) is offering three-hour Fair Housing Disability trainings in five cities across Indiana. These trainings will provide in-depth training on the disability-specific regulations under fair housing laws. The workshops are **FREE** but advance registration is required.

[October 4 - Richmond](#)

[October 9 - Terre Haute](#)

[November 1 - Kokomo](#)

[November 13 - Indianapolis](#)

[December 4 - Bedford](#)

Indiana Housing Conference

[Registration is open](#) for the Indiana Housing Conference: Indiana's must-attend conference for affordable housing professionals. The conference, presented by the Indiana Affordable Housing Council (IAHC) and the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority (IHCD), will be held on September 26-27 at the Indianapolis Downtown Marriott with a golf tournament to be held on September 25 at Broadmoor Country Club.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Region V Fair Housing Law & Policy Conference

The Indiana Civil Rights Commission will host the [2018 Region V Fair Housing Law and Policy Conference: 50 Years Further](#) on October 10-12, 2018. The conference will span three days and have three focuses: fair housing investigation, policy and law update, and housing industry best practices.

The Conference will bring together community leaders, state and federal agencies, attorneys, lenders, builders, developers, policymakers, housing providers, and realtors to discuss the future of housing in the United States. The theme for this year's conference "50 Years Further" will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Federal Fair Housing Act and update attendees on their responsibilities in furthering fair housing with specific training and policy updates.

[Click here to view the agenda and register.](#)



2018 Housing Co-Op Conference

As housing costs are increasingly out of reach for more Americans, housing cooperatives have become an increasingly attractive affordable housing option. Join ICDC on October 12 for discussions around:

- Introduction to Cooperatives and Housing Cooperatives
- A Legal Perspective on Forming Housing Cooperatives in Indiana
- Financing and Funding Housing Cooperatives
- Housing Co-Ops from a Developer's Perspective

[Click here for more information.](#)

Indiana Early Learning Summit for Community Coalitions

The Indiana Early Learning Summit brings together business, policy, and civic leaders across the state to understand the business case for investment in early childhood.

The event on **October 16** will feature remarks from Indiana government leaders, findings from a new statewide study on the economic impact of early care and education, and panel discussions with business and civic leaders. The day's events focus on supporting the workforce today through investing in early childhood education.

[View the full agenda and register here.](#)

Save the Date! 2018 Broadband Summit: Connecting Hoosier Communities

The 2018 Broadband Summit - presented by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, the State Department of Agriculture, and the Office of Lt Governor Suzanne Crouch - will provide information on topics including local broadband planning, funding and engagement with service providers. Speakers and attendees from local governments, state agencies, federal agencies and broadband providers will come together to explore ways to facilitate the expansion of broadband capacity, access and utilization throughout the state. Registration will be available within the next few weeks.

Visit Our Website!

ProsperityIndiana.org has a brand new look with a refreshed layout and easy navigation for you to find all of the resources we have to offer! Make sure you [log in](#) to see the new Member Portal where you can access all of our member-exclusive content in one place!

Download the Mobile App!

You can now access Prosperity Indiana member contacts and events on your smartphone through the new WildApricot App! Simply download [WildApricot for Members](#) from the App Store and log in with your Prosperity Indiana account information.

Log into the [member portal](#) on our website and make sure your profile information is up-to-date so that you can easily connect and engage with other Prosperity Indiana members!

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