

Rebuilding Indiana Monthly

A publication for the members of Prosperity Indiana

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Executive Director Letter

Greetings,

The time is fast approaching when Prosperity Indiana staff members will hit the road for regional meetings. The schedule for these meetings is on the [Prosperity Indiana blog](#) and registration is now open on [our events page](#).

We will travel across our state for a series of meetings with community development professionals, advocates, neighbors, elected officials, and other stakeholders that are focused on building resilient families and vital communities.

These meetings will allow you to:

- Connect with members of our board, me, Member Services Manager Faith Musgrove, and other members of the Prosperity Indiana Staff
- Hear a summary of the highlights of Prosperity Indiana's 2017 policy agenda and key changes in state community development policy
- Learn more about specific Prosperity Indiana programs to get updates on what Prosperity Indiana is doing and can do on your behalf. Members will be



Upcoming Events

[Apr 23: Greater Lafayette Homeward Bound Walk \(Lafayette\)](#)

[Apr 25: Introduction to Housing Co-ops \(Webinar\)](#)

[Apr 27: Connection Point: Individual Development Accounts \(Conference Call\)](#)

[May 2: Northeast Regional Member Meeting \(Ft. Wayne\)](#)

[May 11: Healthy Neighborhoods - Physical Activity \(Twitter Chat\)](#)

[May 25: Connection Point \(Conference Call\)](#)

[Jun 5-6: Certified Green Building Professional \(Indianapolis\)](#)

Partners' Events

April

[Apr 21: IHCD Neighborhood Assistance Program \(NAP\) Funding Application Due](#)

[Apr 25-28: Indiana Landmarks Statewide Preservation Conference \(Wabash\)](#)

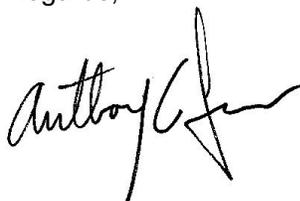
able to access recordings of each regional meeting presentation on the member portal.

- Meet with members of our staff one-on-one, either before or after the regional meeting, for dedicated time to talk about your work and how you can connect to other people and resources to propel you forward. [Email Faith Musgrove](#) to schedule your time with us.

Regional meetings are a chance for you to engage on issues currently facing your organization, community, the work Prosperity Indiana is doing on your behalf, and how Prosperity Indiana can help you build on your organization's and community's strengths.

Please mark your calendars for this opportunity and [register today!](#) Up to five staff at member organizations can attend for free, if the Executive Director is among the attendees.

Regards,



[Andy Fraizer](#)
Executive Director

Vote for the 2017-2018 Board

The final slate for the 2017 Prosperity Indiana Board Election is now available. Voting members, [view the list of new and renewing board candidates and cast your ballot here.](#)

Coming Up Next Week

Curious about housing co-ops? Join us at 11:30 am EST next Tuesday (4/25) for a webinar, led by the Indiana Cooperative Development Center, to learn more about this affordable housing solution. [Click here to register.](#)



Are you administering an Individual Development Accounts Program? Dial in at 1 pm EST next Thursday (4/27) to connect with your peers and Brian Carman from the Indiana

Housing and Community Development Authority to receive updates on the program and get your questions answered. [Click here to register.](#)

[Apr 27-28: NHC Solutions for Housing Communications 2017 Convening \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#)

[Apr 28: OCRA Stellar Communities Designation Program LOI Due](#)

May

[May 18: Indiana Healthy Weight Initiative Annual Meeting "Striving for Healthy Communities" \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[May 24-26: CSH Supportive Housing Summit 2017 \(Denver, CO -- Early Bird ends today\)](#)

[May 31-Jun 2: People & Places Conference 2017 \(Arlington, VA\)](#)

June & Beyond

[Jun 8-9: Indiana Arts Commission From the Ground Up: A Creative Placemaking Workshop \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Aug 15-16: Indiana Affordable Housing Council & IHEDA Indiana Housing Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Sep 13-15: National Walking Summit \(St. Paul, MN\)](#)

Job Opportunities

[Prosperity Indiana - AmeriCorps*VISTA Positions](#)

[OCRA - Multiple Positions](#)

[Carey Services - Multiple Positions](#)

New Podcast Episode

[Building Healthy Neighborhoods through Business Diversity](#)

Subscribe to Prosperity Indiana's Ways and Means podcast on the [iTunes store](#) and [Google Play Music](#).

Social Media Recap

[RT @Kennedy_School Narrative is the foundation of why we care](#)

Member Insight: Leaders Must be True to Themselves

We asked Jennifer Layton of Prosperity Indiana member LTHC Homeless Services, formerly known as Lafayette Transitional Housing Center, for her take on leadership. The executive director of 25-staff strong LTHC since December 2000, Layton has cobbled together the best of what she's seen modeled to become the leader she is today. [Click here to read her insights.](#)



Federal Funding for Community Development

President Trump's [proposed FY18 Budget](#) released last month has serious implications for many Prosperity Indiana members. Read [this blog post](#) to learn how this budget proposal impacts funding for vital community programs.

Respond to [this action alert](#) to protect critical federal funding for community development.

Support Consumer Protections

Please add your name to [this statewide coalition letter](#) urging the Indiana congressional delegation to oppose any efforts to weaken the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) or roll back its rules protecting consumers.



The CFPB was created in the wake of the economic collapse with a clear mission: to protect American families from the predatory and unfair lending practices that had contributed to the financial crisis. We need [your leadership and influence](#) to achieve strong financial reform and protections.

A Plan to Enhance the Child Tax Credit

Costs associated with key pillars of middle-class economic security have risen dramatically in recent years, while incomes have stagnated.

The Child Tax Credit (CTC), which provides families with a tax credit of up to \$1,000 per child younger than age 17, is an important tool to boost family economic security and

[*about anything. That's why it must be part of grassroots organizing*](#)

[*#CDBG creates jobs, builds financial assets for low-income Hoosiers, rebuilds neighborhoods. Well done @IndyDMD and @JHBComCtr*](#)

[*Congrats to our Director of Capacity Building @rscovel on being named Distinguished Alumna of the Year by BSU Urban Planning Dept today!*](#)

[*RT @RWJF Artists are forging new relationships, leading to more culturally responsive health services in Kentucky.*](#)



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invest in our nation's children but has several limitations. The Center for American Progress has proposed a plan to strengthen the CTC. [Download the factsheet here](#).

Meet on Twitter at 11 on May 11



Have a twitter account? Join us on May 11 at 11 am EST for a chat about physical activity in your communities. What's being done to encourage it? What challenges exist? What's going well? How can we help?

Share your thoughts and hear from others! Find us [@incommdev](#) and join in #capacitychat.

GrantStation Access Ending April 30

For the last several years, we've been able to offer access to GrantStation at almost a 90% discount, thanks to our partner, National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations (NACEDA). NACEDA's relationship with GrantStation is ending this month, effective April 30, along member access to this resource.



If you're still interested in using this tool for grant opportunity research, you can access it directly from www.GrantStation.com or at a discount from [TechSoup](#) if your organization meets the eligibility requirements of their program.

Need more hands on deck for a new project or program?

Prosperity Indiana is currently recruiting AmeriCorps*VISTAs to serve as Member Capacity Builders. These AmeriCorps members will work alongside member organizations to reach new goals. If you're interested in having a Member Capacity Builder placement or know someone who would be a great VISTA, please contact Associate Executive Director [Jessica Love](#). Read about our current VISTA's experience and learn more about the open positions by [clicking here](#).



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