



# **Piece of the PI: Newsletter**

A monthly publication for the members of Prosperity Indiana

## **February 2019**

## Executive Director's Letter

Have you ever done something very public mostly for yourself – particularly communicated something – that was really for you? But if it helped others understand something better or cheered them up, then that was just bonus? I know I do it all the time. Take today, for example. I posted this conversation with my 4-year-old son this morning ...



Now, I like making people laugh, and kids (especially mine) say funny things. And I certainly think we're all programmed to want to get a few "likes" out of the deal these days. But honestly, I really posted this for me. (And I don't mean for a boost in confidence from others "liking" me.) I may have posted it partly because it says something about who I am – that I'm a parent who encourages imagination. But mostly, I posted it because I never want to forget this stage in his life; and since I'm a little short on time these days,

## Upcoming Events

[February 26: Opportunity Zones - Potential Benefits and Practical Considerations \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[February 26: QAP second draft public hearing](#)

[February 28: The Hidden Housing Crisis \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[March 4: End of comment period for second draft QAP](#)

[March 11-13: NCRC Just Economy Conference \(Washington, DC\)](#)

[March 13-14: INARF Annual Conference \(Noblesville\)](#)

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

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

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

[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 \(Wabash\)](#)

## Social Media Recap

[SB 104 to cap payday loans at 36% passes 6-2 out of Senate Financial Institutions!!!](#)

[Great news! The House Financial Institutions Committee passed HB 1495 7-0 to provide protections for rent-to-own homebuyers. Thank you Reps](#)

FB is my baby book. So, I'm essentially curating or organizing a set of memories for my future self.

So, what does that have to do with Prosperity?  
Glad you asked ...

For those of you who attended our [Summit](#) (Thank you! It was awesome! We're so thankful for such positive feedback!), you may have heard us roll out our new mission, improved vision, documented values and our new REAP Prosperity framework at our morning session (when we also launched our new grant program, [Empower Indiana!](#)). We've been working (wrestling) for months around the new mission and values that were actually first drafted in November 2017, before I became ED. But it was through this process that we arrived at REAP. REAP is simply a way to organize our work around the new mission. The mission is now as follows:

Prosperity Indiana builds 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.

REAP stands for the [Resources](#), [Engagement](#), [Advocacy](#) and [Programs](#) that we provide to and on behalf of our members. You can learn more about those [here](#).

I encourage you to take a look at who we are and what we do and why we do it through this new lens. And I admit, like my FB post this morning, it's mostly for us. While it may help those curious about Prosperity Indiana to better understand us, the mission, vision, values and REAP framework were created for this organization, not the onlookers. The mission, vision and values will guide *us*, and the REAP framework is how we're organizing ourselves (and our future self) in alignment with the mission. And just a reminder, YOU as our *member* are part of *US*. You are a piece of the PI. For you, and your stakeholders and beneficiaries and community, we will REAP Prosperity together.

Thank you, as always, for being a Piece of the PI Network!

[@Vanessa56281428, Ed Clere, & Rita Fleming and partners @FairHousingIN @INInstitute for your work/advocacy. Now, it heads to the House floor!](#)

[Busy day at the Statehouse! @KatLaraIN is testifying before the Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee in defense of Hoosier consumers. Learn more about SB 587: <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2019/bills/senate/587>](#)

[Policy Director @KatLaraIN is testifying this morning in support of SB 422. Thank you to Sen. Mike Bohacek for your leadership on habitability standards and renter protections in #Indiana. Learn about SB 422: <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2019/bills/senate/422>](#)

[Congratulations to our 2019 Annual Award winners: IN Supportive Housing Institute - @CSHInfo and @IHCDA, George Okantey of @PurdueCDEExt, David Miller of Hoosier Uplands, & Tom Fodor of @MorningLightOrg! Read more at \[bit.ly/2DRlgC1\]\(http://bit.ly/2DRlgC1\)](#)

[Check out the winter edition of @IHCDA's magazine featuring Prosperity Indiana's Executive Director, Jessica Love on the cover!](#)

[Great turnout for the Opportunity Investment Consortium Workshop! Excited to learn how we can use this tool to strengthen our communities.](#)

[Keynote speaker @dfrieze - "As changemakers, we need to place ourselves in an ecosystem of relationship." #PISummit2019](#)

[Thanks, @LGSuzanneCrouch for joining us at the #PISummit2019 as we explore ways to build wealth and improve the lives of all Hoosiers!](#)

[Jill Chappell of @CirclesUSA - "We need tools to help people plan for loss of](#)



Jessica Love  
Executive Director

## This month's Piece of the PI: ADVOCACY



### We amplify your voice at the stateh

We've been busy at the Statehouse advoc on issues important to your work. Look o Action Alerts to stay informed and make voice heard!



## 2019 Webinar Calendar

Beginning this month, Indiana community development professionals can participate in live webinars hosted by Prosperity Indiana in partnership with JoAnna M. Brown and Associates and the Sagamore Institute, an Indianapolis-based think tank.

Building upon Prosperity Indiana's recent Summit, the webinar series will continue to explore diverse strategies to build individual, organizational, and community wealth through capacity building, collective impact, communication, and nonprofit management concepts. Community development practitioners, nonprofit leaders and social service providers will find these webinars useful in strengthening organizational proficiency.

Webinars are currently scheduled to occur at least monthly through December. Those [noted here](#) are all scheduled for 10:30 am (Eastern

[benefits as income increases."](#)  
[#PISummit2019](#)

[We are excited about a new partnership w the CareSource Foundation to fund innovations in social determinants of health! More info to come!](#)

[Prosperity Indiana Summit starts in 10 minutes! Be a #pieceofthepi and share highlights of the day using #PISummit2019!](#)

[Join us, @Cinnaire, @HomesteadCS and many more at the Statehouse to urge lawmakers to act on critical community development priorities!](#)

[Members are starting to gather at the Statehouse to meet with legislators and make their voices heard! #pieceofthepi](#)

[Deal announced to re-open government for 3 weeks - some relief, but only passage around annual spending bills will ensure low-income, vulnerable households have housing security. @HUDgov & @USDA are significantly behind in contract renewals, loan processing, etc.](#)

["We already know how Dr. King would feel about the state of our communities and our children, if he were alive. He would be saddened by the violence, frustrated by our division, and disheartened by our continued history of disparities in every aspect of life that matters - health education, economics, and justice. It is time that we are judged by our actions and not by our speeches. The future of our communities, our city, our state, our country - it's in our hands and we have to hold each other accountable while supporting and helping one another... The time for action is now." ~ Tanya Bell of Indiana Black Expo at the 28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Indiana Holiday Celebration #MLK](#)

Time) on Fridays and will last approximately 90 minutes. Course materials are included in the cost of registration. Registration is required. For more information, please visit the [events page](#) of our website.

Act fast! We have two webinars scheduled for February and three scheduled for March (registration details coming soon!). Upcoming Webinars:

**[LookUp: More Resources. Less Stigma. Better Mental Health.](#)**

February 22, 2019

Our first (free!) webinar will feature information and resources about the important topic of mental and behavioral health, while also offering stigma-reducing messaging. This training is perfect for executive directors, supervisors, and human resource specialists.

**[Empower Indiana Grant Program Overview](#)**

February 28, 2019

Join Prosperity Indiana and the CareSource Foundation to learn about the new Empower Indiana Grant Challenge! This grant opportunity will provide funding for innovative solutions to unique community challenges that involve social determinants of health. This webinar will provide an overview of the grant program, application requirements, and important dates.

**Five Critical Components of Collective Impact**

March 8, 2019

To move the needle on community or system level change, it takes partnership with others doing similar work across various sectors. This type of initiative is often the hardest that we do because it involves coordination ... and people skills. In this webinar, learn about the five essential elements of collective impact and unlock ways to do more for your community.

*Welcome New & Returning Members!*

**[Submit News or Events](#)**

## **Are Your Volunteers Helping or Hurting Your Organizational Capacity?**

March 15, 2019

By leveraging volunteers, we can create greater engagement with community members supportive of our work, as well as achieve more than doing everything by ourselves. Volunteers can also drain our resources if not focused and managed effectively. Join this webinar to discover if volunteers are helping or harming your organization's capacity.

## **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.



## **Summit Recap**

Thanks to everyone who attended the 2019 Prosperity Indiana Summit! We had a great turnout (despite the cold!) and we hope attendees left inspired with lots of new ideas for building wealth in their communities. If you haven't already, please be sure to [fill out this short survey](#) to tell us what you liked and how we can improve in 2020!

Visit our [updated Summit website page](#) for more photos and highlights. All presentations and

materials from the sessions can be found in our [Resource Library](#).



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## Congratulations to the 2019 Prosperity Indiana Award Recipients!

Each year at the Prosperity Indiana Summit, we take the time to recognize outstanding individuals and programs in the community economic development field. The 2019 Award winners include:



Key Award  
for Program  
of the Year:

**Indiana  
Supportive  
Housing**



**Institute, CSH and IHCD**



Robert O.  
Zdenek Staff  
Member of  
the Year:

**George**

**Okantey, Purdue Extension Community  
Development**

John Niederman Rural  
Development Leadership  
Award:

**David Miller, Hoosier  
Uplands Economic  
Development  
Corporation**



Michael  
Carroll  
Community  
Economic  
Development



Leadership Award:

**Tom Fodor**, Morning Light Inc.

Learn more about the award winners [on our blog](#).



## Key Member Priorities See Action at the Statehouse

### **SB 104/SB 613**

A key priority for Prosperity Indiana is working towards establishing a 36% rate cap on payday loans and we are THRILLED to report that today, the Senate Financial Institutions Committee voted 6-2 to advance the bill to the floor for full Senate consideration. Importantly, we urge members to continue outreach as the Indiana Senate may consider SB 104 while also considering legislation that would undermine that work by authorizing larger, longer term loans at rates well beyond Indiana's current loansharking cap.

SB 613 will receive a hearing in the Senate Commerce and Technology Committee on Thursday, February 21 and we believe it could enough legislator support to pass. We urge members to reach out to their senators ASAP! [We have drafted a letter you can simply click to send here.](#)

### **SB 422**

We have also been hard at work to address needed renter protections and the eviction crisis in our state. One bill, SB 422, that aimed to address habitability concerns at time of possession as well as notice and a 10-day right to cure for renters who have fallen behind on their rent, regardless of their lease type. At the time of this newsletter and after committee consideration, the language does not include the needed change we hoped to see, but work is ongoing to improve

the bill ahead of key deadlines for consideration on the floor.

### **HB 1495**

One final critical alert for members is a bill that will be considered on the House floor tomorrow, HB 1495, would provide important consumer protections for would-be homeowners in land contracts. In some cases, this is a viable alternative homeownership model, but predatory lending terms that further destabilize vulnerable households are pervasive. HB 1495 provides simple, clear guardrails for consumers to understand the product they are buying. [Click here to send a pre-drafted letter to your Representative in support of this bill!](#)



## **New 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](https://ProsperityIndiana.org/EmpowerIN) to view the RFP and be sure to [register for the free informational webinar](#) on February 28.

## 2019 Prosperity Now Scorecard is Available Now

Combining robust data at the national and state levels, an interactive map and relevant policy information, the [2019 Prosperity Now Scorecard](#) is a powerful tool for revealing the financial lives of Americans beyond the headlines.

This year's Scorecard includes an expanded focus on racial economic inequality, while also highlighting the themes of financial assets and income; businesses and jobs; homeownership and housing; health care; and education. The Scorecard team has developed a new ranking methodology that strengthens the analysis of each state's racial and ethnic disparities. These updated rankings account for how racial

economic inequality affects residents' ability to achieve prosperity.

## PROSPERITY NOW SCORECARD

### IBB Opportunity Zones Podcast

Don't miss the [Indiana Bondcast](#)'s episodes on Opportunity Zones! [Part One](#) focuses on the basics: regulations, qualifying capital gains, and important dates with guests from Barnes and Thornburg and LISC Indianapolis. [Part Two](#) takes a look at the community perspective, discussing how to market opportunity zones and what kinds of businesses to invest in with community leaders from across the state.



### Teams Announced for the 10th Annual Indiana Supportive Housing Institute

The [Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority](#) (IHCDA) and [Corporation for Supportive Housing](#) (CSH) announced on January 17 the teams that will be participating in the 2019 [Indiana Supportive Housing Institute](#). These teams will each establish a plan to create a supportive housing development serving either homeless veterans or individuals experiencing chronic homelessness.

[Click here to view the list and read the full press release.](#)

## IHCDA Magazine: Winter 2018 Issue



Don't miss the 2018 Winter Issue of the IHCDA Magazine, featuring Prosperity Indiana's own Jessica Love on the cover!

[Click here](#) to read Jessica's article and more exciting content about community development around the

state.

## 2019 FHLBI Community Investment Workshops

During the Community Investment Workshops, the FHLBI team will provide a review of their affordable housing and other homeownership-related grants as well as their community investment lending products. Plus, the workshops will provide networking opportunities for FHLBank Indianapolis members to connect with housing developers and community development practitioners to partner across programs. Click the links below to register.

[March 7 | South Bend](#)

[March 13 | Evansville](#)

[March 14 | Indianapolis](#)



## 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.](#)



## Registration Open for People & Places 2019

Early Bird Registration is now 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.](#)



## 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.](#)

## 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.

## Great Places Neighborhood Resilience Grant

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), in partnership with the Indianapolis Office of Sustainability, is offering \$18,000 in grant funding for projects that demonstrate neighbors' resilience in the Maple Crossing area of Indianapolis. Project proposals should align with and support the implementation of at least one of the 16 goals of the Thrive Indianapolis Sustainability and Action Plan, align with priorities and actions in the Maple Crossing Great Places Neighborhood Strategic Plan, build community resilience, be appropriately scalable and replicable, have community support and consensus, and represent and benefit the diversity of each neighborhood. Submission deadline is **THIS FRIDAY** February 22, 2019.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

## DRG Search Announces Annual Pro-Bono Search

[DRG Search](#) is accepting Requests for Proposals (RFPs) from nonprofit organizations for pro-bono support in identifying a new senior professional to help advance their mission. For 2019, eligible organizations need to have a social justice centered mission and an annual budget between 1 and 5 million dollars.



All eligible nonprofits are encouraged to apply. Applications will be considered until February 28. [For more information read the Request for Proposals here.](#)

## Strengthen Your Community with the Arts

Looking for funds to do a community mural, support your town's concert series or kick start a downtown festival? Then you need to check out Arts Project Support grants from the Indiana Arts Commission - city, town and county governments are eligible and encouraged to apply!

Visit [our blog](#) for more information.

## 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.](#)

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**Mobile App Available Now**

Download the WildApricot app and log in to your Prosperity Indiana account to view upcoming events, register for trainings, and search our directory of member contacts.

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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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