

# Rebuilding Indiana Monthly

A publication for the members of Prosperity Indiana

**February 2017**

## Member Advocacy in Action

Greetings,

In case you missed it, Prosperity Indiana held its statehouse day, *Prosperity IN Action*, on January 31, 2017. Among the more than 40 participants were members and partners representing a broad spectrum of services, interests and communities across the state. In addition to their individual concerns, participants were also asked to discuss the ways the network's 2017 priorities affect their work and clients.



We asked several people to share with us their reasons for attending the event and the value they received from participating in *Prosperity IN Action*. You can find those

## Partners' Events

**February**

[February - May: Purdue Extension Two-Day Beginner's Grant Writing Workshops \(8 locations throughout the State\)](#)

[Feb 16: IHCD Stellar Communities Informational Webinar](#)

[Feb 21: Indiana Citizens' Alliance for Transit \(ICAT\) Transit Day at the Statehouse 2017](#)

**March**

[Early March: Indiana Arts Commission Regional Initiative Grant Application Deadline for Arts Project Support](#)

[Mar 1: IHCD Southeast Regional Strategic Plan Listening Session \(Jeffersonville\)](#)

[Mar 1: FHLBI Affordable Housing Program and Community Investment Workshops \(Evansville\)](#)

[Mar 2: FHLBI Affordable Housing Program and](#)

interviews on our [blog](#), [Statehouse Day podcast episode](#), or [this recap video](#):



[Kathleen Lara](#), Policy Director, said it is the passion and commitment from our members that make Prosperity Indiana's efforts important and successful.

"Face-to-face time between constituents who represent member organizations and their legislators is enormously effective in demonstrating the true community-level impact of their work and how our policy priorities empower local efforts. It increases accountability and builds relationships between policymakers and the individuals working hard to build strong communities throughout the state," Lara said.



She added, "And as important as that one day was, it's also critical for members to stay engaged throughout the session to raise their voices through testimony, calls, meetings and emails to their legislators. And then after session is over, we'll need their help in crafting our priorities for the future. Our work is never done; but it's far more effective when we're doing it in partnership with those in the field who can tell the stories of impact on those who need us most."

For details on Prosperity Indiana's 2017 policy agenda and priorities, go [here](#). To stay connected to Prosperity Indiana's advocacy efforts and other initiatives year-round, in addition to following the [blog](#), subscribe to the member [newsletter](#), connect via [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#), and go to the advocacy [action center](#) to check out current campaigns, sign up for action alerts and more.

[Community Investment Workshops \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Mar 6: OCRA Hometown Collaboration Initiative \(HCI\) Informational Webinar](#)

[Mar 10: IHCD Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program \(LIHEAP\) Service Provider for Grant and Madison Counties RFP Due](#)

[Mar 14: IHCD Central Regional Strategic Plan Listening Session \(Fishers\)](#)

[Mar 15-16: INARF 2017 Annual Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Mar 15: IHCD Northeast Regional Strategic Plan Listening Session \(Fort Wayne\)](#)

[Mar 16: FHLBI Affordable Housing Program and Community Investment Workshops \(South Bend\)](#)

#### **April**

[Apr 18-20: AHAIN Conquering Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Compliance: Training & HCCP Exam \(Indianapolis\)](#)

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

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

[May 31-Jun 3: People & Places Conference 2017 \(Arlington, VA\)](#)

## **Job Opportunities**

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

[IHCD - Paid Summer Internships](#)

[City of Bloomington - Assistant Director, Housing and Neighborhood Development Dept](#)

**Current advocacy campaigns to learn more about and act on now:**

- [Stop Payday Loan Expansion, Oppose SB 245](#)
- [Save Net Metering, Protect Alternative Energy, Oppose SB 309](#)

## 2017 Training Topics

Training course topics for 2017 have been announced. [Click here to find this year's training agenda.](#) Be on the lookout for further details in the coming weeks.

## Midwest Regional Asset Building Conference

In partnership with organizations in Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Ohio, the Indiana Assets & Opportunity (A&O) Network is considering co-hosting a Midwest Regional Asset Building Conference. The conference would be an opportunity to learn from national field experts, as well as to connect with peers from across the Midwest. [Please fill out this survey](#) to help us gauge your interest and provide input on location, date, and topics for the conference.

## Neighbors Leading Positive Change in Michigan City

After almost a year of working alongside the City of Michigan City and the residents of Michigan City's Eastport neighborhood, the quality of life planning process that Prosperity Indiana guided for that community is completed. Director of Capacity Building Rose Scovel noted, "The most exciting outcome in Eastport is that the neighborhood resident group is reforming and developing their capacity to lead change in the neighborhood." [Click here to read more.](#) Interested in visioning and planning for your community? [Contact Rose.](#)



## Indiana A&O Network Expert Directory

## Social Media Recap

[ED @andy\\_fraizer meeting w/ member @BankAtFirst to discuss program design for next roll out of Solar Uniting Neighbors \(SUN\) funds.](#)

[Good ideas for creating sustainable jobs that build family assets. Strike a chord ... seek out @IN\\_AO\\_Network or member @INcoopDevCenter](#)

[The nursing home that's also a college dorm.](#)

[The good work of Community Loan Centers such as those operated by Brightpoint and HomesteadCS is highlighted in this podcast from the Federal Reserve System.](#)

[Allyson Pumphrey Mitchell, our Director of Sustainability, gives powerful testimony explaining solar energy's ability to empower low-income households #inlegis #SB309 #indianasolar](#)

[Always fun to see this list! Congratulations to board member Steven Meyer at @KingParkIndy.](#)



[Submit News or Events](#)

Looking for local experts to help you develop asset-building strategies for your community? The Indiana A&O Network's Expert Directory is now live. The directory currently includes over 70 Indiana-based expert profiles of individuals with extensive experience working on asset-building policies or programs. [Click here to find out more.](#)

## Opportunities to Work with Prosperity Indiana's Team

We are currently recruiting four AmeriCorps\*VISTA positions to continue furthering our work on your behalf. One of them will support expansion of the Indiana A&O Network; the Nonprofit Impact VISTA will help us achieve our most audacious strategic plan goals; and two Member Capacity Builders will work alongside member organizations to reach new goals. Read about our current VISTA's experience and learn more about the positions by [clicking here](#). If you're interested in having a Member Capacity Builder placement, please contact Associate Executive Director [Jessica Love](#).



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