

DRAFT 2010 Public Policy Agenda

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How the Institute Sets its Policy Agenda

- The policy and legislative recommendations are in keeping with the vision of the IN-CAA and the goal Institute.
- Recommendations are based on the culmination of the Institute's analysis of research, data, information, and national best practice models.
- The policy issues are timely and have direct relevance to the work of IN-CAA and the Institute.



Institute's Policy Agenda

- Items to monitor or areas of concern

AND

- Specific policy and legislative recommendations which the Institute, for which the Institute will serve a lead role



Items to Monitor

- Protecting Work Support Programs - especially as it relates to privatization
- Encouraging the State to prioritize CCDF vouchers for TANF recipients
- Increase access to health care – in particular through the Healthy Indiana Plan



Items to Monitor

- Funding and match rates of Indiana's IDA program
- Affordability of postsecondary education for adult students
- Declining State revenues
- State funding cuts
- Reforms to Indiana's tax system



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- Based on the Institute's research during the 2009 calendar year, the Institute's policy agenda will focus on three main areas:
 - Unemployment Insurance;
 - Higher Education; and
 - Tax Reform.



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- **Indiana's Unemployment Insurance System**
 - **Updating the UI System (Modernization)**
 - **Adopting an alternative base period**
 - **Index maximum amount to wages**
 - **Index wage base to State wages**
 - **Extending UI to part-time workers**
 - **Increasing UI funds solvency**
 - **During 2009 session INGA passed a bill increasing employer's contribution to the UI fund**

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- **Higher Education**

- Increasing the State's allocation to the Part-Time grant program
- Eliminate Indiana's March 10th filing deadline for the FAFSA



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- **Tax Reform**

- Indiana should implement a circuit breaker to provide property tax relief
- Expand the sales tax to services
- Increase the personal exemption and increase the State's income tax rate



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