



Piece of the PI: Newsletter

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Executive Director Letter

Have you been to many conferences lately? Have one or two of them to attend in September, maybe? I, for one, have attended more conferences already this year than I generally attend in two years combined. Funny thing is: I look at conferences differently now. Although I've worked for Prosperity Indiana since 2010, in many ways, I've mostly attended them focused on what I can get out of them. But now that I'm ED, I look at them from the perspective of what YOU – our member – could get out of it! It's like you're my children or something. I think about you all the time, want the best for you, and want you to be fed well while we're together. I also want you to get a great education. Honestly, maybe you should just start calling me mom.



So, as we announce the date of our 2019 Summit (January 30) & Statehouse Day (January 29), just know that we're spending a great deal of time brainstorming around best practices, so that you can come to our event expecting – and leave with – inspiring new ideas, relationships and a sense of empowerment that impact your work and the way you look at it.

Everything we do revolves around providing our members with great resources, connections, and advocacy to support your work in strengthening our communities. And our 2019 Summit will be the perfect place for us to combine all three into a jam-packed, two-day event focused on diverse strategies for building individual, organizational and community level wealth.

Our [summit page](#) will be the place to check out event updates as they're available.

I hope you'll mark your calendar now! Actually – just do it already!
Love, Mom

Thank you for being a Piece of the PI Network!



Partners' Events

[August 18: Thrive Community Day \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[August 21: FHLBI Shareholder Symposium \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[August 23: Tax Law in the Nonprofit World \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[August 23-24: CHIP Indiana Housing & Homelessness Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[September 5-7: Prosperity Summit \(National Harbor, MD\)](#)

[September 6: Tool Up - A Money Smart Series for Small Business Owners \(Indianapolis\)](#)

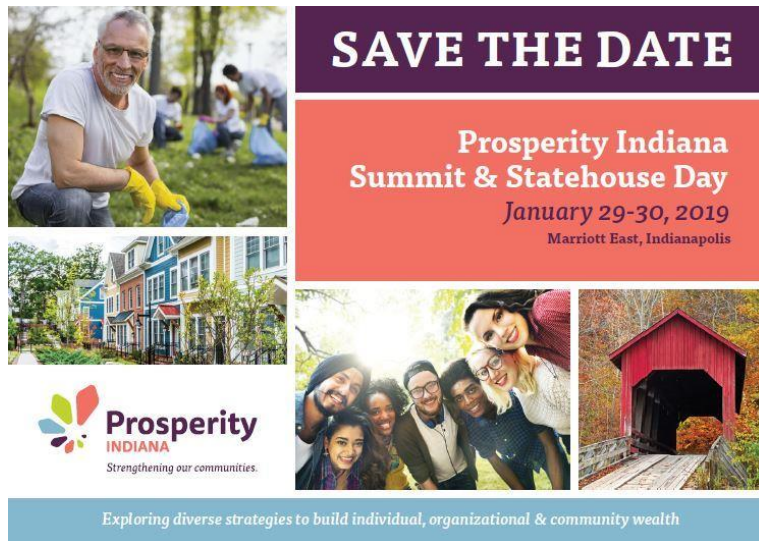
[September 6-7: Indiana Health and Wellness Summit \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[September 9: Spirit & Place Presents: Conversations on Race \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[September 12-14: NACEDA Tenth Anniversary Summit \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#)

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

Jessica Love



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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!

2019 Policy Survey



Prosperity Indiana strives to be a strong advocate for legislative agendas that positively impact and empower community-based organizations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Social Media Recap

[Excited to join @SenToddYoung this morning as he discussed his new bill \(S. 3231\) to create a bipartisan affordable housing task force. On behalf of @INCommDev members who are working hard to combat the affordable housing crisis in the Hoosier state, we urge support for the measure!](#)

[Grateful to spend the day @MyBrightpoint with Fort Wayne area @INCommDev members and new](#)

In order to best represent the interests of our membership, we rely on your input on the issues that are most important to you and your organization to inform and enhance our outreach and impact throughout the year.

A few minutes out of your day will help shape Prosperity Indiana's 2019 federal, state, and administrative policy priorities!



Policy & Pizza - We want to hear from you!

We still have two upcoming Policy & Pizza events this month. Join us in [South Bend on August 22](#) or in [Evansville on August 27](#). **RSVP today!**



Upcoming Regional Member Meetings

Join us to meet or reconnect with Prosperity Indiana's new Executive Director and hear about her vision for the organization. Connect with peers and participate in an informal conversation about Prosperity Indiana's strengths, weaknesses and opportunities, in advance of the new strategic planning process. Come ready to share challenges and desired solutions!

[partners discussing policy over pizza. Engaging more of our network in advocacy is critical to strengthening our communities!](#)

[Excited to welcome another team member to our crazy crew! Logan Charlesworth \(presented here by Policy Director @KatLaraIN\) is our new Network & Resources Manager. She'll be working w/members & partners of the Assets & Opportunity Network to build assets for low-wealth Hoosiers.](#)

[Saying farewell to @Rose_ScovelAICP on her last day \(after almost 7 years\) at Prosperity Indiana. Starting Monday, she'll be working with the Indy MPO. Best of luck, Rose!](#)

[Thank you to our engaged members and to @SenToddYoung for raising the profile of this critical issue and working towards comprehensive solutions.](#)

[Enthusiasm around efforts to better meet urgent housing needs across IN continued in Gary this afternoon. Thanks to @SenToddYoung, @karenaboutgary, and @IshmonJean for your leadership on this issue on behalf of thousands of Hoosiers in need of a](#)

Central Indiana Regional Member Meeting



August 28, 2018

1-3 pm

Indianapolis, IN

Join us for an Open House immediately following the Central Indiana Regional Member Meeting on **Tuesday, August 28, from 3-6 PM** at our new office! Come tour the new space, enjoy some refreshments, and connect with Prosperity Indiana and other members from across the state! :

1099 North Meridian Street, Suite 170

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Please [RSVP](#) by Wednesday, August 22!

Last Chance to Cast Your Vote!

The board slate has been sent out via mail and email to all Prosperity Indiana voting (501(c)3 nonprofit) members. Don't forget to cast your vote! You can return your slate via mail, email or fax. **Responses are due by August 17, 2018.**

Housing Appropriations Bill Passes the Senate

On August 2, the Senate approved its Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill. The bill includes \$12 billion above the Administration's request and \$1 billion above the House version. Our [blog post](#) details the funding levels.

[safe, affordable place to call home.](#)

Job Opportunities

[Training Manager/Consultant](#)

[Community Development Consultant \(Part-Time/Contract\)](#)

[Administrative Assistant \(Part-Time\)](#)



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New Low-Income Renter Relief Bills Introduced

In Congress, two new legislative initiatives have been introduced that aim to alleviate cost burdens for low-income renters. [Click here](#) to learn about the Rent Relief Act and the Housing, Opportunity, Mobility, and Equity Act.

FHLBI Community Lending Plan Survey

Tell Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis what you think are the most pressing affordable housing needs and economic development issues facing Indiana and Michigan today. Survey results will be incorporated into the 2019 Community Lending Plan and impact future communication and training. Responses are due by August 31.

[Take the Survey!](#)



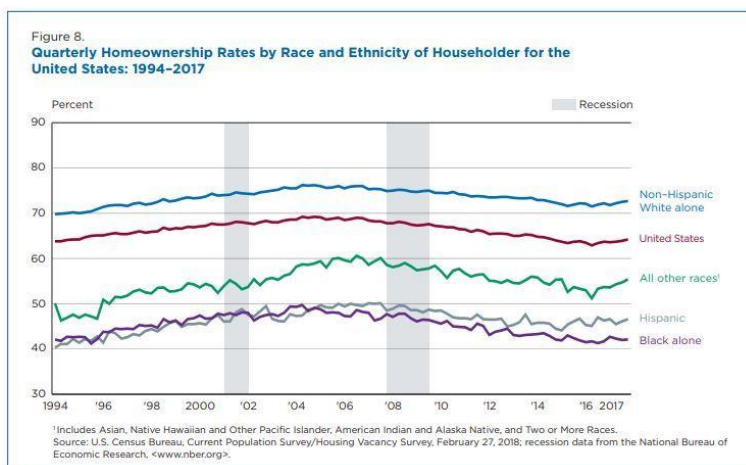
Senate Holds Hearing on Nomination for New CFPB Director

On Thursday, July 19, [the Senate Banking Committee held a confirmation hearing](#) for President Trump's nominee to become the new director of Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), Kathy Kraninger. The CFPB is responsible for overseeing consumer protections in the financial sector and their jurisdiction includes banks, credit unions, mortgage servicers, foreclosure relief companies, and debt collectors operating in the U.S. If confirmed by the Senate, Kraninger would hold significant sway over the way those companies manage mortgages, credit cards, payday loans, and other financial products they offer to customers. [Click here to read our coverage of the hearing.](#)



Homeownership Rates Up in Second Quarter, But Not for All Racial and Ethnic Groups

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau shows that homeownership rates have increased slightly from the first quarter of 2018, but not for all racial and ethnic groups. Nationally, the homeownership rate increased to 64.3% in the second quarter, up slightly from the rate of 64.2% in the first quarter and from 63.7% one year ago. Black and Hispanic homeownership rates, however, fell in the second quarter (41.6% from 42.2% and 46.6% from 48.4%, respectively). [See our full review of the data here.](#)



New Data from the HOPE Initiative Highlights Racial Disparities in Physical and Financial Well-Being

The Health Opportunity and Equity (HOPE) Initiative was launched with the belief that every person in the U.S., no matter their background or ZIP code, should have a fair and just opportunity for the best possible health and well-being. Their report, released at the end of July, provides data around a number of the social determinants of health broken down by state, socioeconomic status, and race and ethnicity.

[Click here](#) to see how Indiana measures up, or read the [full HOPE Initiative report here](#).

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.



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](#)

Brownfields Training

What can brownfields do for your community? While dealing with a brownfield site can be difficult, they have tremendous and transformative potential. The training consists of two days of informative brownfields workshops to provide valuable insights and expertise on financing and legal considerations.

August 22 & 23, 2018 Brownfields Financing and Brownfields Legal Considerations Workshops co-hosted by the U.S. EPA-funded Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Program, the Indiana Communities Institute at Ball State University, and the Indiana Brownfields Program.

Detailed information and registration can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Indiana Bike & Walk Summit

[Registration is open](#) for the Indiana Bike & Walk Summit on **August 29 & 30** in downtown Indianapolis!



This year's theme, *Leading Locally for Active Transportation*, will offer representatives of cities and towns throughout the state a

chance to showcase their efforts and to learn from others working here in Indiana and around the nation.

Keynote speakers include:

- Juanita Hardy a Senior Visiting Fellow for Creative Placemaking with the Urban Land Institute
- Andy Boenau, AICP, Director of Mobility Strategy at The Gotcha Group and the creator of Speakeasy Media
- Cynthia Hoyle, FAICP, a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners and the Institute of Transportation Engineers

View the [full agenda here](#), or visit <http://www.inbikewalksummit.org/> for more information.

Indiana Housing Conference

[Early bird registration is now 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 (IHCDA), will be held on September 26 at the Indianapolis Downtown Marriott with a golf tournament to be held on September 25 at Broadmoor Country Club.

[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.](#)



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