



Piece of the PI: Newsletter

A monthly publication for the members of Prosperity Indiana

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Executive Director's Letter

If the third time was “the charm” for our summit, which is what I said when opening the 2020 event, which FINALLY was not plagued by an ice storm or 14-below windchills ... Well, the fourth time will definitely be the [fill in the blank, but charm doesn't seem like the right term at the moment] – since there's an ACTUAL PLAGUE going on and all. But we can, and we will, make the best of it!!



Going virtual means it will look and feel different. The issues that we will cover will surely have the backdrop of COVID-19 and all of its impact in all of our sessions. But it won't change the fact that we can and will engage in deep and critical conversations. Or maybe it will – but in a good way.

Because we're Hoosiers (even if by way of 'bama for some of us). And that means, we use common sense, but we keep on keepin' on. We also have a down-home sense of hospitality and helpfulness that is hard to rival. That's why, now, I'm putting out the welcome mat and inviting you to help us to once again put on the best conference our field can produce. That truly starts with you – the experts in what YOU do.

So, please help us:

Build the most robust set of sessions around current trends and best practices in the field – Share with the rest of us what you do well. Or consider leading us through critical conversation starters. [Submit a session proposal!](#) Or pass this along, and encourage a colleague to do the same.

Help us recognize the best and brightest in the community development ecosphere. [Nominate a leader](#) in your community or connected to your work around the state!

Tell us who you'd like to hear from at the 2021 submit. We're still considering plenary speakers and looking for leaders in the health and racial equity space, as well as facilitators, to walk us through a summit like we've never seen before. [Recommend speakers and facilitators](#) (including yourself?) who will receive access to all of the event's content at no charge!

Support the amazing work that we'll highlight [by sponsoring an event](#) that always seeks to challenge our notions about how to do the work and push us to do more, better! Or [recommend a potential sponsor](#) to do so.

[Plan NOW to be there on January 13-14!](#)

And share the wealth. This summit, more than others, is designed to invite a broader audience from those outside the field, who are looking to dive deep into conversations around diversity, equity and inclusion. So, [don't just share with your peers – share with your friends!](#)

And then, maybe, just maybe, with YOUR help and attendance, the 2021 Prosperity Indiana Summit will be just “the charm” that we’re seeking ... times two!?

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



Jessica Love
Executive Director

This month's Piece of the PI: ENGAGEMENT



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We **REAP** prosperity by providing **R**esources, **E**ngagement, **A**dvocacy, and **P**rograms that support our members' work!

RESOURCES

Only One Spot Remains for the Virtual Real Estate Development Academy!

One registration spot is available for Prosperity Indiana's inaugural Real Estate Development Academy. The virtual event will take place from Tuesday, October 27 to Friday, October 30, 2020, from 1-5 p.m. ET daily. For more information and to register, please visit the Academy's webpage [here](#). Registration is limited to the first 25 individuals. Additional registrants will be placed on a waiting list.

Thank you to our presenting sponsor, [Fifth Third Bank](#), and executive sponsor, [Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis](#).





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Technical Assistance

We offer an array of services and our staff consultants provide expert guidance for organizations and communities to build resilient, quality places. In addition to deploying our technical knowledge, we focus on strengthening linkages between sectors, quantifying and communicating impact, and mobilizing community players for organizational and community change.

In partnership with the National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB), we also offer technical assistance to any rural nonprofit member engaged in creating community and economic development opportunities and affordable housing for low-income communities in rural areas. This TA is HUD-funded and generally provided at no cost to our members. For more information, please [contact us](#).

COVID-19 Hub

Share the wealth! Have a resource or tool you could share with your peers? We'll add it to the hub! If you're willing to share COVID-19 or other policies, plans, best practices, or funding opportunities with peers, [please share it here](#).

[Access the COVID-19 Hub](#)



Prosperity Indiana's 2021 Summit

[Our summit](#) on January 13-14, 2021, will inspire and build the capacity of individuals, organizations, and communities across our state. An event rooted in racial equity, attendees will learn to create strategies for resiliency, opportunity, and transparency and participate in critical conversation. [Complete your early bird registration today!](#)



Sponsorship Opportunities

Become a sponsor for the 2021 Summit today! Your organization will receive benefits, including brand recognition, marketing, free tickets to Summit, exhibition tables, award presentations, and much more! [View more information here.](#)

Award Nominations

Nominate a leader or program from your community to receive Indiana's prestigious community economic development awards at Prosperity Indiana's 2021 Summit! The deadline to submit is November 13, 2020. [View the award descriptions and submit your nominations here.](#) Contact [Rita O'Donohue](#) with questions.

Request for Proposals

Our [Requests for Proposals](#) are now open for our Summit. Training sessions should align with a specific track (resiliency, opportunity, or transformation) and topics may include (but are not limited to) affordable housing, education and workforce development, asset-building, economic development and investment, homelessness, community building and organizing, and capacity development.

Our 2021 Summit will also create a safe place for attendees to participate in critical conversation, or be part of a "learning group" cohort for a deeper dive into racial equity and inclusion discussions. We have breaks planned, a virtual lunch, our annual awards ceremony, and TED-style "talk" presentations on the following:

- What is Racism?
- How 2020 Changed the Way We Look at Racial Disparities and Injustices
- Becoming Anti-Racists
- Defining Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity
- Building and Sustaining Community

Speaker Recommendations for Summit

We are still considering plenary speaker options and welcome recommendations in that regard. In recent years, we've secured national speakers; but if you've heard someone more local speak, please suggest them as well. You can submit as many recommendations as you like by clicking "Submit another response" when you're done. Make your recommendations using the form: [Plenary Speaker Suggestions](#).

Prosperity Indiana Board Member Nominations - Submit Today

Prosperity Indiana is actively seeking applications for new board members. Preference is given to those representing nonprofits, but we welcome applications from any member. All board members must be current members of the association or become a member before their name appears on the slate. You can find more [membership information here](#). Primary responsibilities include supporting and promoting Prosperity Indiana's mission, services, and policies. Find a full list of responsibilities at the [application link](#). New board members would begin their 3-year term of service at the January 2021 board meeting. [Apply here](#) today.

Evicted in Indiana Webinar Series & Reading Guide

Researchers find [248,000-313,000](#) Hoosier households are at risk of eviction due to COVID-19. Another recent study [estimates](#) 150,000 evictions will be filed by January 2021 and \$376,000,000 – \$485,000,000 will be lost in rent shortfall in Indiana, unless policy solutions are implemented.

Join the Hoosier Housing Needs Coalition (HHNC) in a webinar series discussion about how eviction is taking a toll on our community and how we can take action against the negative effects.

- [Part One: Indiana's Rental Housing Eviction Landscape](#) - October 26, 2020, 1-2 pm ET
- [Part Two: Landlord/Tenant Relationships Before and During COVID-19](#) - November 16, 2020, 1-2 pm ET
- [Part Three: The Health Implications of Eviction in Indiana](#) - December 7, 2020, 1-2 pm ET

If you'd like to facilitate discussions about evictions in your community, use HHNC's reading guide based on Matthew Desmond's "[Evicted](#)". Desmond's "Evicted" is a groundbreaking look into America's eviction crisis through storytelling. Get a deeper look into the lives of tenants and landlords in Milwaukee, Wisconsin that have been affected by eviction. In this book, Desmond investigates the reasons why people get evicted and how evictions affect not just them but those in their community. Paired with data local to Indiana, use this guide to discuss how eviction takes a toll on your own community. [Download Prosperity Indiana's Evicted Reading Guide here.](#) For additional questions, please contact [Natalie James](#).

The webinar series is supported by a grant from the Indianapolis Foundation, an affiliate of the Central Indiana Community Foundation.



Statewide Rental Assistance Program Has Re-Opened

On October 13, Indiana reopened its Rental Assistance Portal for the first time since closing on August 26. While the Hoosier Housing Needs Coalition applauds this needed step, the restrictions now attached to the portal funds will likely mean that very few of the [nearly quarter-million](#) Hoosier households at threat of eviction will be helped. The Coalition renews its calls for Governor Holcomb to create a coordinated [COVID-19 Housing Stability Policy Plan](#) and leverage some of over \$1 billion in CARES Act funds still sitting on the table to ensure no Hoosier is evicted or made homeless due to the pandemic.

While reopening the rental assistance program is good news for some Hoosiers, the eligibility requirements are far more restrictive now. The state's COVID-19 rental assistance was initially funded using Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF), which carry a great deal of flexibility. The newly added ESG funds not only have their customary and significant federal restrictions attached to them but also new state rules added to the program. Those in need are encouraged to apply regardless of the restrictions to document compliance with the CDC Eviction Moratorium. [Read more here.](#)

Updated FAQ for CDC's Eviction Moratorium

On Friday, September 4, the CDC's National Eviction Moratorium took effect; the agency has since [released an updated FAQ](#). Prosperity Indiana has created a [Federal Eviction Moratorium Flyer](#) for renters to know if they are covered and their responsibilities. In case you missed it, Pi released a blog post last month on [what the moratorium means for Hoosiers](#).

To be protected, qualified renters facing eviction should immediately provide a signed declaration to their landlords. For more details about the moratorium and a sample declaration that renters can use, refer to the NLIHC's and NHLP's [Overview of National Eviction Moratorium](#). Individuals may also [request a printed copy of the declaration form via mail from the NLIHC here](#). Watch PI's webinar on this topic [here](#).

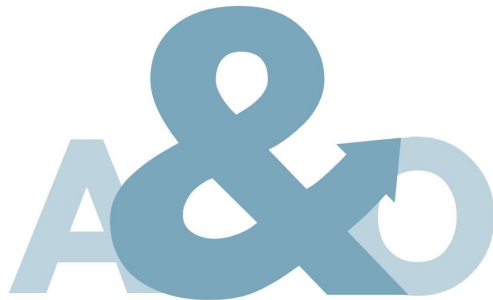
P PROGRAMS

Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network

Prosperity Indiana is working with our Indiana A&O Network partners to advocate for policies that will allow Hoosiers to 'rebuild better' assets and opportunities following the pandemic.

The Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network creates learning opportunities for community leaders, advocates on policies that affect low-to-moderate income families, and builds capacity for organizations aimed to increase financial stability. It is co-led by Prosperity Indiana and the [Indiana Institute for Working Families \(IIWF\)](#), which is a program of the Indiana Community Action Association skilled in research, policy analysis, and advocacy.

[Click here to join the A&O Network.](#)



INDIANA ASSETS & OPPORTUNITY NETWORK

Upcoming Events

Please check with the organizer(s) of events for updated cancellations and changes due to COVID-19.

[October 19-24:](#)

[Neighborhood Resources](#)

[Connection Summit \(Virtual\)](#)

[October 23: Kheprw - The Affordable Housing Crisis: What Can We Do? \(Webinar\)](#)

[October 28: Central Indiana Community Foundation- Inclusive City 2020 \(Virtual\)](#)

[October 30 \(Application deadline\): Indiana Philanthropy Alliance- The Mutz Philanthropic Leadership Institute](#)

[November 18: Indiana Philanthropy Alliance- Come to the Table on Racial Equity Series \(Virtual\)](#)

Job Opportunities

[Director of Community Initiatives – IU Center for Rural Engagement](#)

[Senior Director of Philanthropy & Community Engagement - Women's Fund of Central Indiana](#)

ICYMI: Media Spots

[Milwaukee Housing and Health: Families get temporary relief from the CDC's eviction moratorium](#)

[State opens new round of rental assistance for struggling Hoosiers](#)

[Indiana offers \\$15 million in rental assistance to Hoosiers facing eviction](#)

[Indiana reopens rental](#)

[Indiana reopens rental assistance portal for tenants with pending eviction cases](#)

[Prosperity Indiana accepting nominations for community leader awards](#)

[New report estimates 150,000 eviction filings in Indiana by January.](#)

[Study: Evictions linked to coronavirus deaths](#)

[Frankfort mother faces eviction despite submitting 3 moratorium declarations](#)

[Evictions Damage Public Health, Which Is Why The CDC Has Banned Them — For Now](#)

[Coronavirus: In Evansville, the CDC's ban on evictions can't help everyone](#)

[Prosperity Indiana acquires Housing4Hoosiers](#)



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Tools & Resources

Union Savings Bank Home Improvement Loan

Union Savings Bank is offering a home

Coburn Place Organizational Updates

Coburn Place in Indianapolis is making organizational changes to

New Data Shows Owed Rent and More

New [data](#) analyzed by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

improvement loan to homeowners who live in a qualified neighborhood in Marion County. The loan is for up to \$3,000 loan at an interest rate of 2.00%/2.00% APR on a 5-year fixed term with interest-only payments at \$5.00 per month. There is no borrower cost to create the loan.

Loan forgiveness includes one-third of the loan forgiven after 12 payments paid as agreed, two-thirds of the loan forgiven after 24 payments paid as agreed, and the full balance of the loan forgiven after 36 payments paid as agreed.

Funds must be used for home improvement and receipt of work performed will be required.

[View the loan flyer here.](#)

strengthen its infrastructure to respond to an increased need for housing and support services for domestic violence survivors. Coburn Place is prioritizing innovational programming leadership by incorporating a chief impact and innovation officer, growing the direct services team, and solidifying Coburn Place's service delivery model as a best practice at the local, state, and national level.

Recent staff updates include Sudha Sankar, Ph.D., becoming responsible for the strategic design, planning, organization, and product generation for the newly formed Impact and Innovation Division of Coburn Place. Dr. Sankar will assume the role of Coburn Place's Chief Impact and Innovation Officer in mid to late 2021.

Dena Simpson is the Domestic Violence Housing First Coordinator who will be focusing on ensuring the model of "Domestic Violence Housing First" is integrated into Coburn Place's housing services.

[View Coburn Place's website with the new logo here.](#)

(CBPP) found that one in three adults had trouble paying for usual household expenses in the last seven days; the difficulty is particularly acute for Black, Asian, and Latino adults. CBPP found that 48 percent of Black adults and 45 percent of Latino adults report difficulty covering regular expenses, compared to 25 percent of white adults.

The report also includes a state-by-state breakdown of food insecurity, people behind on rent, difficulty paying usual expenses, and more.

[Read more of the memo from the NLIHC on the new data here.](#)

PPP Loan Forgiveness Applications

The SBA released a [new loan forgiveness application](#) that streamlines the forgiveness process for PPP loans of \$50,000 or less. Borrowers that use the new application will be exempt from any reductions in the borrower's loan forgiveness amount based on reductions in full-time equivalent (FTE) employees or reductions in employee salary or wages that would otherwise apply.

The SBA has also created a new [Interim Final Rule on the simpler forgiveness process](#). Access the [simpler loan forgiveness application \(SBA Form 3508S\) here](#).

Health of the U.S. Nonprofit Sector

The annual Independent Sector's [Health of the U.S. Nonprofit Sector](#) is a new resource that compiles important information on the current health of the U.S. nonprofit sector across multiple dimensions in a single, accessible format.

According to Independent Sector, "Most information on the health and well-being of nonprofits is found across multiple, single-issue reports, which makes it difficult to get a complete picture of overall sector health. This annual review makes a broad set of measures that are easily accessible and presented side-by-side, so stakeholders and key decision makers can see the most accurate snapshot of the state of civil society."

[Read the full report here.](#)

Nonprofits led by people of color face growing challenges

[A survey of 433 nonprofit leaders of color and 41 interviews](#) from the Building Movement Project found that organizations led by people of color have been preparing for multiple crises, including the pandemic.

Seventy-nine (79) percent of participants said they were responding to needs in communities directly impacted by COVID-19, and 87 percent indicated that they were assisting people impacted by the economic fallout from the pandemic.

[Read the full report here.](#)

How to Stay Healthy



Resources

[Be Well Indiana](#)

[Indiana Press Releases](#)

[Indiana State Department of Health](#)

[Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[HUD COVID-19 Guidance](#)

[Prevention Steps for Close Contacts](#)

General Information & Precautions

- Wash your hands for 20 seconds.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Encourage teleworking when feasible.
- Practice social distancing when possible and avoid close contact with others. This may include staggering work schedules and decreasing social contact in the workplace.

Decisions about the implementation of community measures will be made by local and state officials, in consultation with federal officials as appropriate, and based on the scope of the outbreak and the severity of illness. Implementation will require extensive community engagement with ongoing and transparent public health communications (CDC).

Prosperity Indiana's Response

As of July 15, Prosperity Indiana team members are able to return to the office to work. Staff will be rotating days that they are present in the office. While most team members continue to work remotely at this time, we have compiled the following information about our return to work plan.

Our re-opening plan includes:

- Limiting staff in the office to no more than three at a time and fewer than 10 short-term, staggered visitors daily to allow for physical distancing
- Providing adequate PPE for staff and visitors, along with extra hand sanitizing supplies, tissues, and wipes for high touch surfaces.
- Implementing a return-to-work plan that complies with the Back on Track Roadmap, CDC, Indiana Department of Health, and OSHA guidelines.

The best way to reach us during this time is via email. Here is a [link](#) to contact information for full-time staff. You can also reach out to [Teresa Reimschisel](#) with admin/operations questions.

Prosperity Indiana is here to support you through this difficult time. If you have specific suggestions for webinars, FB live chats, or other resources for us to share related to COVID-19 or other topics, please reach out to our [team](#).

Please stay healthy and take the necessary measures to protect yourself and those around you. We will be sure to inform you of any further updates as needed in the coming weeks.

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[Send your stories.](#)

Visit [our blog](#) for more of the latest community economic development news in Indiana.

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