

NCSL Opportunities for Working Families Meeting State Action Plans

**Indiana**

*Years of Participation: 2003, 2008*

**2008 ACTION PLAN**

**Team Members**

Rep. John Bartlett

Rep. Clyde Kersey

Rep. Jackie Swihart

Sen. Sue Errington

Sen. Dennis Kruse

**Priority Issue(s): Decent Jobs, Health Care, and Transportation**

**Action Items**

*Jobs*

- Asset Building Coalition
  - Learn about Indianapolis coalition (Sen. Errington and Rep. Bartlett - Summer 2008)
  - Learn more about United Way programs (Sen. Errington and Rep. Bartlett - Summer 2008)
  - Introduce bill to create state coalition (Sen. Kruse - December 2008)
  - Introduce resolution to reduce poverty by half in ten years (grow middle class) (Sen. Errington)
- Expand IDAs: Steps to five million over four years; include financial education classes and coordinate with community colleges and adult education
  - Introduce legislation (Rep. Kersey)
  - Rep. Bartlett to meet with Rep. Crawford (Summer 2008)
- Investigate feasibility of state website as a clearinghouse of financial information (Rep. Swihart - Summer 2008)
- Statewide 401(k) for those who do not have a 401(k) (companies to have an opt out requirement)
  - Introduce bill (Rep. Swihart - December 2008)
- IDA: Age out of foster care
  - Introduce bill (Rep. Bartlett and Rep. Swihart)
- Microenterprise bill (Rep. Bartlett and Rep. Swihart - December 2008)
- No tax on savings accounts under \$10,000 (Sen. Kruse)
- Increase asset limits on TANF up to \$15,000

*Health Care*

- Kinship care for children and seniors
  - Introduce bill (Rep. Bartlett and Rep. Swihart)

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- Future planning to allow small businesses into state health plan or pooling plans (Rep. Kersey)

### *Transportation*

- State team to meet in January to discuss rail corridor study information and state feasibility study
- Try to create a study committee on carpooling/ park-n-go (Summer 2009)
- Introduce resolution (Kersey)

### **Next Steps**

1. State team to meet on July 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding Growing Middle Class Coalition

### **Responsibilities**

- Listed in action items

### **Information and Services**

**State Contact for NCSL follow-up services and evaluation**

**NCSL Services**