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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.
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- 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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