Restore Economic Mobility for Hoosier Families
Hoosiers in Poverty

- Nearly 1,000,000 Hoosiers in poverty
  - 5th largest increase in U.S. since 2000
  - More than all neighbor states since Great Recession

- 2.24 million low-income Hoosiers
  - 5th largest increase in U.S. since 2000

- 45.9% of children are low-income
  - More than all neighbor states, including Kentucky
Working Harder For Less

- **28%** of jobs in occupations that pay poverty wages
  - More than all neighbor states – including Kentucky

- **5.2%** earn minimum wage
  - Less than all neighbors – tied with Kentucky

- The median hourly wage: **$15.24**
  - Less than all neighbor states – excluding Kentucky

- **6th Highest Income Gap** in the nation between 1990 and mid 2000’s
Broken Rungs

- **Unemployment Benefits**
  - Just 20% of unemployed Hoosiers were receiving unemployment insurance benefits in 2012 – 42nd least generous in U.S.

- **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**
  - During the height of the Great Recession (from 2007 – 2011), the number of unemployed Hoosiers increased by 92.1% while TANF decreased by 51%.

- **Food Stamps (SNAP)**
  - Despite nearly leading the nation in increased poverty and low-income individuals, SNAP participation increased by 50% in Indiana – compared to 70% nationally.

- **Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)**
  - Cliff Effect
A Poverty Trap

Infographic Video
Reason For Not Working

- **Home or Family Reasons**
  - In families with female householder, no husband present with related children under 18 years: 44%
  - In families with female householder, no husband present with related children under 6 years: 12%

- **Could Not Find Work**
  - In families with female householder, no husband present with related children under 18 years: 57%
  - In families with female householder, no husband present with related children under 6 years: 9%

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Hoosier Families Need a Toolbox (too)

Policy makers should begin to provide a toolbox for families to begin to restore the promise of economic mobility. This toolbox should:

• **Reward** hard working Hoosiers by ensuring they share in economic growth;

• **Strengthen** work support programs for our most vulnerable citizens and ultimately;

• **Equip** all Hoosiers with the opportunity to obtain the skills necessary in order to attract high-paying, quality jobs that are necessary for a family’s economic self-sufficiency.
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