



# The Campaign for Hoosier Families

An alliance of faith-based organizations in support of Indiana's children & families

If your faith calls you or the members of your organization to serve the least among us, the Campaign for Hoosier Families is an opportunity to put your faith into action. Join with others to speak up for low-income Hoosier families.

*Individuals may also join!*



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The Campaign for Hoosier Families is a program of Lafayette Urban Ministry, a Christian ministry that welcomes congregations and people of all faiths.

### The Campaign for Hoosier Families Membership Form

- Yes! Our organization is interested in speaking up for low-income families and their children. Please keep us informed about legislative issues and how we can help.
- Yes! I am interested in helping out as an individual. Please keep me informed about legislative issues and how I can help.

Congregation/organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

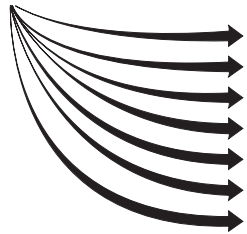
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# Join the Campaign for Hoosier Families

A strong public voice for children and families in need



- Impacting legislation*
- Educating the public*
- Conducting policy research*
- Mobilizing grassroots efforts*



By working together, we CAN make a difference for Indiana families!

Work with other concerned citizens on issues that are critical to the health and well-being of Hoosier families, issues such as—

- Energy assistance
- State funding for emergency shelters
- Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC)
- Predatory lending
- Funding for food & nutrition programs
- Health care



## YOU can be an advocate for Hoosier families!

The Campaign educates its members on effective advocacy techniques.

### Communicating with legislators

Send a well-written, brief thank-you note.

Be concise and to the point.

Be willing to compromise.

State reasons why you support or oppose the bill.

Be courteous and use proper titles.

Personal visits, phone calls, U.S. mail, and e-mail are all effective.

### Sending letters to the editor

Refer to recent news article.

Keep your letter concise.

Don't criticize political leaders by name.

Give your credentials and contact information.

Say thank you.

Get feedback before submitting.

### Know your legislators and their contact info

State: [www.in.gov/legislative/legislators](http://www.in.gov/legislative/legislators)

State Senate 800-382-9467

State House 800-382-9842

U.S. Senate: [www.senate.org](http://www.senate.org)

U.S. House of Representatives: [www.house.org](http://www.house.org)

Keep up to date with legislative alerts at:  
[www.lafayetteurbanministry.org/alert.html](http://www.lafayetteurbanministry.org/alert.html)

In its first few months, the Campaign for Hoosier Families has accomplished:

- Passage of the *Homeowner Protection Act*, state legislation that protects low-income homeowners from predatory lending.
- Increase in the state portion of Earned Income Tax Credits and establishment of programs that helped local families with filing their taxes and accessing EITC.

