

## laUW Partnerships

- **Indiana 211 Partnership.** *Dialing “2-1-1” connects 90% of Hoosiers with information about and referrals to human services they need. laUW funds IN211 and is its fiscal agent. See [www.in211.org](http://www.in211.org).*
- **Indiana Coalition for Human Services** *advocates for adequate human service funding and policies affecting Hoosiers. laUW is its fiscal agent and administrator.*
- **Covering Kids and Families of Indiana** *runs outreach projects across the state to increase the number of children and adults who benefit from state and federal healthcare insurance programs.*
- laUW joins the **Children’s Coalition of Indiana** *in advocating for the well-being of children.*
- **Indiana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (INVOAD)** *brings together voluntary organizations to foster more effective response to the people of Indiana in times of disaster through cooperation, coordination, communication, education and legislation.*
- **Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP).** *laUW chairs the EFSP State Set-aside Committee—composed of governmental, nonprofit, and religious groups—to address housing and hunger in Indiana. It helps assure that EFSP monies assist the most needy Hoosiers in all Indiana counties.*
- **State Employees’ Community Campaign (SECC).** *laUW is fiscal agent, trainer, and workplace advisor for this fund-raising effort among Indiana’s state government workers.*
- The **Youth Philanthropy Initiative of Indiana (TPII)** *is a statewide network of organizations with a common goal of engaging youth to “give and serve” within their communities.*

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## What you can do....

- Subscribe to the *laUW Public Policy Update* and forward it to staff/board.
- Educate yourself about needs, programs and policies.
- Tell your elected officials about the critical needs in your community.
- Participate in “Third House” sessions and policy forums.
- Write an opinion editorial for your local paper—call us for help.
- Share your stories and issues with us.

## How we can help...

laUW offers monthly **Public Policy Updates** about programs and policies affecting Hoosiers and their United Ways. Check it out and subscribe at [www.iauw.org](http://www.iauw.org).

### Public Policy Training / Technical Assistance

laUW staff provides web-based and in-person trainings for United Ways, partners and other non-profit organizations. Staff research and answer your policy questions. Contact us to schedule a session or to ask your burning question.

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# laUW—Indiana Association of United Ways

**Focus.** Since 1978 laUW has worked for Hoosier United Ways to—

- **Represent** their viewpoints to state and federal lawmakers, administrators, and other partners
- **Build networks**—statewide, regional, and by interest focus—among Hoosier communities
- **Improve leaders' capabilities** through a variety of learning media and venues, and
- **Innovate** through issue analysis, research, and technology.

## Public Policy Engagement is the United Way's Standard of Excellence 1.4:

- a) convening policy briefings,
- b) building relationships with public officials,
- c) determining public policy priorities, and
- d) public policy infrastructure.

## Public Policy Platform.

Business, labor, government, and non-profit leaders agreed on **our guiding principles** {see panel at the right}. laUW works with partners to—

- **Monitor** trends, issues, regulations, and legislation
- **Analyze** the impact of developments on Hoosier communities, and
- **Educate and advocate** United Way priorities with decision makers.

## 2010 Public Policy Priorities\*

**2-1-1** is “the” number to dial to get information about and referrals to human services that Hoosiers need. United Ways and others operate its network in most of Indiana, and pending legislation can provide needed funding for it to go statewide. laUW plays a lead role in working to **secure funding for statewide quality 2-1-1 and to complete the public side of the public-private partnership.**



### Education/Early Childhood



United Ways **support programs and policies to help children and youth achieve their potential.**

These include after-school programs, Success By Six, Born Learning campaigns, tutoring and mentoring programs. laUW plays both convening and programmatic roles in supporting this priority.

### Income/Financial Stability

United Ways **help people become financially stable and independent through asset-building activities** such as Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), financial counseling, credit repair and matched savings accounts. laUW plays both convening and programmatic roles.



### Health

United Ways support programs and policies that improve people's health. laUW plays a monitoring role and works through coalitions.

### Charitable Sector

laUW monitors legislation and policies related to the nonprofit sector.

*\*Approved by laUW Board of Directors 2008 and 2009*

## laUW PUBLIC POLICY PLATFORM

### ADVANCING A STRONGER, HEALTHIER, MORE CARING INDIANA

- ☒ United Ways in Indiana work to strengthen all Hoosier families, promote all Hoosiers' optimal health, and foster their self-reliance.
- ☒ All publicly-funded programs geared toward providing services and financial assistance to Hoosiers should strive to maximize each individual's and family's independence.
- ☒ Adequate funding is a prerequisite for the provision of quality health and human services.

### ADVANCING HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATION

- ☒ Planning, funding, and delivery of health and human services should focus on eliminating barriers to attaining self-reliance and build upon individual and family assets and competencies.
- ☒ Collaboration to achieve efficiency and maximize results of human services should be inclusive of all sectors and stakeholders.
- ☒ Collaboration should include state-level and local-level partnerships and joint planning.
- ☒ Collaboration should include funding, research, data collection, and access to data to assure the quality and effectiveness of health and human services.
- ☒ When government contracts with charitable organizations, fair compensation should be paid in a timely and efficient manner.

### ADVANCING THE VOLUNTEER SECTOR

- ☒ Charitable contributions should be promoted and protected by publicly accountable and ethical fund raising management.
- ☒ Volunteering should be promoted and protected as an expression of human concern and as an essential way to achieve the public good.
- ☒ First Amendment rights of speech and association—and thereby to advocate public policy positions—are fundamental to a free society and must be protected.
- ☒ Public policy decisions are best when made by informed citizens.