

**Building Bridges to Family Economic Success
Workgroup Recommendations and Group Leaders**

Job Creation Workgroup

- Support and build off of efforts to create jobs through micro-lending and jobs and business development programs, the Small Business Development Centers, and Service Corps or Retired Executives SCORE (a group of retired execs that help small entrepreneurs)
- Ensure that there is a better connection between job seekers with available opportunities
- Support transitional jobs to provide employment experience for individuals with barriers to employment
- Fully utilize incentives available to ensure that jobs are available in higher need areas

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Family Support

- Parents ability to care for children is Improved.
- Help families who have a parent reintegrating into the community after incarceration.
- Families have access to basic needs and comprehensive support to access services for multiple challenges
- Support and engage fathers in meaningful ways in a family’s life.

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Birth to Twelve Education Workgroup

- Need to better prepare children for success: Access to affordable, quality child care
- Provide support for students with significant challenges
- Improve high school graduation rates and better prepare students with skills/knowledge that provides option for post high school opportunities

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Building Family Income and Access to Support

- Better utilize and publicize availability of existing resources on Financial Literacy
- Ensure better access and utilization of tax and other benefits
- Develop outreach and engagement to provide services where people are Provide credit and financial education beginning in schools

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Adult Education Workgroup

- Paradigm shift in policy making from short term goal of getting a job to a longer range goal of establishing a career pathway and skill building to compete in job market.
- How can we best support the needs of individuals who are under prepared for education and work.
- Upgrading skills for incumbent workers by identifying workers that would benefit from training leading to career pathways.

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Housing Workgroup

- Coordinate governmental systems to maximize resources and provide flexibility to those responding to needs.
- Prevent evictions and foreclosures while supporting healthy housing.
- Increase access to transitional housing for vulnerable populations.

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