

**Economic Well-Being Committee  
Voices/Coalition Advocacy Agenda  
Historical Review**

<b>Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)</b>	<b>Budget Years (State/County)</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Spending un-obligated TANF and block grant dollars on child care.	State: 2004-2005, 2000-2001	Success
General Assembly should adopt a responsible and balanced TANF budget that has as its primary priorities moving low-income families toward self-sufficiency through education, training and work; protecting children; and providing a safety net for our most vulnerable Ohioans.	State: 2004-2005	Success
General Assembly should advocate federal government for TANF re-authorization that would maintain current funding levels.	State: 2002-2003	Success
Through TANF \$ and "Alliance Program," continue commitment to hardest to serve, and plan for the impact of State time limits on families.	County: 2000	Partial success

<b>Child Care</b>	<b>Budget Years (State/County)</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Maintaining eligibility for childcare in Ohio at current levels at 185% FPL; (at 200% in 98-99).	State: 2004-2005 (1998-1999)	Partial Success
Establish a refundable Child Care Tax Credit.	State: 2004-2005	Failure
Maintaining current co-pay levels for families.	State: 2004-2005	Failure
Revising absentee policy to 20 days in a 12-month period maximizing flexibility for families.	State: 2004-2005	Success: 33 days
Increase the rate of payment for child care services to support more adequate compensation and the staffing ratios using accepted standards.	State: 2000-2001	Unknown
Rates should provide the necessary incremental rates to cover evening, night shift, special needs/medically fragile child care, and ill child care.	State: 2000-2001	Unknown
A cost-based reimbursement should be prospective, not retrospective, and not penalize the care giver when a child is absent because of illness.	State: 2000-2001	Unknown
Create a \$20 million fund for child care expansion and enhancement.	State: 2000-2001	Unknown

<b>Economic Security</b>	<b>Budget Years (State/County)</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Continuing and expanding the TEACH scholarship program at \$1 million over the biennium.	State: 2004-2005	Partial
More resources appropriated for PRC emergency assistance program.	County: 2004, 2000	Partial-Success
Increase the income tax threshold and create an EITC.	State: 2002-2003	Failure
Allocate 25% of TANF unobligated funds to the flexible Prevention, Retention and Contingency Development Fund.	State: 2002-2003	Unknown
Fund the expansion for TEACH.	State: 2000-2001	Unknown
EITC. Would like a full-time position created to do EITC outreach & collaboration building.	State: 2000-2001	Failure
Develop a tracking system to determine whether families are becoming economically self-sufficient; and focus less on the punitive side of Welfare Reform.	County: 1999	Success

<b>Food and Nutrition</b>	<b>Budget Years (State/County)</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
\$4.5 million a year for the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks.	State: 2004-2005	Success

<b>Employment Training/ Job Creation</b>	<b>Budget Years (State/County)</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Additional staff to bring caseloads back to recommended levels.	County: 2004, 2003	Partial-Success
County should research best practices and implement diversion and employment retention program to decrease the number of families that are cycling on and off the welfare system within their 36-month eligibility.	County: 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000	Partial-Success
City and County should merge their Workforce Development Boards to spend the full allotment of available WIA dollars.	County: 2003, 2002, 2001	Partial success
Develop safety-net program for families who have left OWF for employment. This safety net would include meeting the demands for basic needs through an increased foodbank subsidy and for shelter through a pilot housing subsidy.	State: 2002-2003	Partial
Welfare to work placements should be in jobs that will give the TANF participant a living wage	State: 2000-2001	Unknown

Workforce development careers centers are currently in 5 of the 7 Neighborhood Family Service Centers (NFSC) – would like them to be in all locations full time (this is actually a Workforce Development budget issue).	County: 2004	Partial
Transitional jobs (for time limited or almost time limited families – paid work experience) 100 people are enrolled. Beginning an evaluation with money from Joyce Foundation. Need \$1 million for expansion	County: 2004	Failure
County should research best practices and implement a comprehensive workforce advancement program for working poor families.	County 2003	Unknown

<b>Fatherhood Initiative</b>	<b>Budget Years (State/County)</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Funding for fatherhood initiative, including a fatherhood summit and public awareness and education campaign.	County: 2004, 2000	Success
Continue funding fatherhood support programs and implement the recommendations of the Commission on Fatherhood.	State: 2002-2003	Unknown

<b>Housing</b>	<b>Budget Years (State/County)</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Continue using PRC funding for housing services to prevent homelessness.	State: 2004-2005; 1998-1999	Failure

<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Budget Years (State/County)</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Public transportation should refocus on getting people to their destinations that cannot afford their own form of transportation; innovative tactics should be developed to invest in jobs in locations where the jobs are most needed.	County: 1999	Unknown