



**Prioritizing Economic Stability for Children and Families in Ohio's Budget**

Issues	Opportunities in Ohio's 2022-2023 State Budget
<p><a href="#">Paid Family &amp; Medical Leave</a></p> <p>Contact: <a href="#">Ohio Women's Public Policy Network</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a statewide paid family and medical leave program that: includes comprehensive coverage for leave; covers all employers; provides adequate wage replacement; adopts an inclusive definition of an individual who is covered by caregiving leave; provides leave time of at least 12-weeks; and guarantees job-protection, anti-retaliation, and anti-discrimination protections.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Ending Homelessness for Children and Families</a></p> <p>Contact: <a href="#">COHHIO</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$25M annual TANF allocation to Housing Now for Homeless Families.</li> <li>Build on the \$5M for ODH program for homeless youth and pregnant women.</li> <li>Invest \$3M to extend and expand Healthy Beginnings at Home pilot by adding communities with high rates of infant mortality.</li> <li>Expand the Ohio Housing Trust Fund.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Bridging Ohio's Digital Divide</a></p> <p>Contacts: <a href="#">Buckeye Hills Regional Council</a> and <a href="#">Children's Defense Fund-Ohio</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support Ohio's HB 13 or as introduced SB 8/similar legislation.</li> <li>Support a comprehensive and regional approach to creating a statewide Broadband infrastructure.</li> <li>Create internet utility programs to address affordability issues.</li> <li>Continue Investments to Provide Short-term Broadband Connectivity and Device Grants Program.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Expand Summer Food Access for Children</a></p> <p>Contact: <a href="#">Children's Hunger Alliance</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximize SFSP/SSO through the permanent adoption of non-congregate food service to bring additional federal dollars to Ohio to support schools, faith-based, and non-profit partners operating summer food service.</li> <li>Work with Ohio's Congressional delegation to ensure support of making permanent critical USDA flexibilities that have been vital to states during the pandemic and to expand the USDA Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer for Children (S-EBT) to all states to complement SFSP and SSO and further reduce childhood food insecurity</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Strengthen Ohio's Earned Income Tax Credit</a></p> <p>Contact: <a href="#">Policy Matters Ohio</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add a 10% refundable option to the current state EITC policy to benefit 758,800 Ohio families and target the states' poorest workers.</li> </ul>