

## 2020 Policy Priorities

# Legislative Strategies to Advance Economic Prosperity



### Lifting RI Works Children and Families Out of Deep Poverty

Focus on increasing the RI Works benefit, which hasn't been adjusted in thirty years, from 31% of the federal poverty level (\$554 for a family of 3) to 50% (\$889) over two years so families can better meet basic needs.

**Morin H-7345 / Murray S-2203**



### Investing in Child Care

Ensure access to affordable and high quality child care by adequately reimbursing child care providers.

**Diaz H-7584 / Crowley**



### Investing in Our Childcare Workforce

Highlight the crucial importance of the early childhood workforce and the problems early care programs have in attracting and retaining educators. Bill instructs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to remedy the crisis by establishing a plan to address workforce compensation.

**Casimiro H-7271 / Cano S-2630**



### Increasing a Tax Credit for Working Families

Increase the state's Earned Income Credit from 15% of the federal credit to 20% so workers keep more of their paycheck to better support their families.

**Slater H-7623 / Conley S-2364**



### Improving Family-Friendly Workplace Policies

Improve paid family leave so more workers can afford to take time to care for and bond with a new baby or care for family members.

**Blazjewski H-7661 / Goldin S-2708**



### Increasing the Rhode Island Minimum Wage

Increase the minimum wage to \$15/hour by 2024.

**Ranglin-Vassell H-7570 / Quezada S-2143**



### Raising State Revenues

Raise needed revenues so we can invest in our future. Legislation would create a new personal income tax rate for the state's high-income 1% of earners.

**Alzate H-7921 / Conley**