2021 Policy Priorities
Legislative Strategies to Advance Economic Prosperity

Lifting RI Works Out of Deep Poverty
Increase the monthly cash assistance payment from 30% to 50% of the federal poverty level (from $554 to $915 for a family of 3), provide the $100 yearly clothing allowance to infants and toddlers as well as school aged children, allow parents to attend CCRI for two years to increase opportunities for better-paying jobs, and exclude income from earnings for up to 6 months when a parent starts a job to improve job retention.
House 5683 (Handy) / Senate 226 (Murray)

Raising Revenues to Invest in Rhode Island
Raise needed revenues so we can invest in our future. Legislation would create one new tax bracket for the top 1% of earners – at a marginal rate of 8.99% (in place of the current top rate of 5.99%) on income above $475,000.
House 5227 (Alzate) / Senate 326 (Murray)

Early Educator Investment Act
Highlight the crucial importance of the early childhood workforce and the problems early care programs have in attracting and retaining educators. Bill instructs the Children’s Cabinet to remedy the crisis by establishing a plan to address workforce compensation.
House 5158 (Casimiro) / Senate 66 (Cano)

Child Care is Essential Act
Ensure access to affordable and high quality child care by adequately reimbursing child care providers and increasing the income eligibility limit.
House 5672 (Diaz) / Senate 378 (Cano)

Improving Rhode Island’s Paid Leave Program (TCI)
Improve TCI, RI’s paid family leave program, by increasing the wage replacement for workers with the lowest incomes, create a tax credit for workers with low incomes who pay in but don’t use TCI, increase the number of weeks from 4 to 12, expands who can use TCI and expands category for whom one can care for.
House 5789 (Cassar) / Senate 436 (Goldin)

Rlte Care for All Children
Provide Rlte Care Coverage for all income-eligible children without regard to immigration status.
House 5714 (Morales) / Senate 576 (Cano)

Increasing the RI Minimum Wage to $15.00
Increase the minimum wage to $15/hour by 2024, increase the tipped minimum age.
House 5938 (Ranglin-Vassell) / Senate 143 (Ciccone)

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*Bill numbers posted as available