

Building a Stronger Michigan

THE RESULTS MICHIGAN NEEDS

A 21ST CENTURY SKILLED WORKFORCE

A FLOURISHING ECONOMY AND INCREASED COMPETITIVENESS

ADEQUATE STATE REVENUES TO INVEST IN PROVEN SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED TO GROW THE ECONOMY

EQUITY AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF THE STATE'S CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, ELIMINATING BARRIERS BY INCOME, RACE AND PLACE

Strengthen Families With Children



Increase access to high-quality child care by expanding eligibility and rates

Invest in early learning programs for 3- and 4-year-olds

Expand home visiting and other supports for parents of young children

Fund programs to find and serve young children with disabilities

Support child abuse and neglect prevention

Ensure that 17-year-old youths are in the juvenile justice system and not treated as adults



Skills for the New Economy



Adequately fund public schools, community colleges and universities

Invest in early intervention as an alternative to mandatory retention of third-graders

Fully fund At-Risk School Aid

Expand adult education and training

Provide more financial aid for college students and older adults with low incomes



Work and Economic Opportunity for All



Support work by expanding the state Earned Income Tax Credit

Reduce extreme childhood poverty by removing barriers to public assistance and increasing support

Encourage savings by eliminating the asset test for food assistance



Healthy Kids and Families



Maintain adequate funding for Medicaid and the Healthy Michigan Plan

Expand access to mental health and substance abuse services

Reduce infant mortality and eliminate racial/ethnic disparities

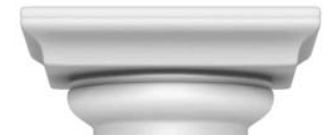
Prevent exposure to lead and other toxins statewide

Fund evidence-based prenatal smoking prevention and cessation

Eliminate healthy food deserts



Strong Revenues and Smart Investments



Support a progressive income tax that adequately funds state services

Modernize the state's sales tax to cover selected services

Annually review tax expenditures

