



Michigan League FOR Human Services

Founded in 1912 as an independent association of citizens interested in the health and welfare of Michigan, the Michigan League for Human Services continues as it began –concerned with effective responses to social welfare and health problems in Michigan.

Recognizing the impact that public policies have on the lives of people, and the need for collaboration and coordination of social services, these forward-thinking individuals planted the seeds for what has now become a statewide, nonprofit think tank that addresses cross-cutting issues affecting the economic and social well-being of low-income and other vulnerable citizens throughout Michigan. The League's membership base includes organizations and individuals who represent business, labor, social service providers and other human service professionals, academia, faith-based organizations and concerned citizens.

Today, the League is widely regarded as an indispensable resource for credible, accessible and timely policy analysis on issues affecting low-income Michigan residents.

Whether monitoring the development of programs or services, challenging traditional delivery systems, or advising on policy development or implementation strategies, the League remains committed to positively impacting the lives of Michigan's most vulnerable citizens.

In doing so, the League is in the center of policy debates on issues as diverse as tax reform, state appropriations, the well-being of children, workforce policies for low-wage workers, and access to health care.

Research and Analysis

To facilitate informed decision-making, the League provides independent, non-partisan analysis of critical issues and their impact on low-and moderate-income households and other vulnerable populations.

Areas of analysis include:

- The economic well-being of the state's low-income citizens and the effectiveness of the social safety net in meeting their needs;
- Opportunities to achieve economic self-sufficiency through employment that provides wage growth;

- State expenditure issues that affect the social safety net;
- State revenue issues that affect the long-term fiscal health of the state and its ability to maintain essential services; and
- The impact of tax changes on low- and moderate-income taxpayers.

Using data from national and state sources, the League's analyses are firmly grounded and always credible. The League's analyses are used by policymakers, state and local organizations, the media and community service providers.

Public Education and Advocacy

The results of the League's research and analysis serve as the basis for a comprehensive set of activities intended to help policymakers understand the impact of current and proposed policies and options for state policy development on critical issues. The League's public education and advocacy activities include:

- Providing testimony and background information when legislative hearings are held;

Membership Application

- Participating on state government-initiated task forces and committees;
- Making presentations at state and national conferences and forums and locally-convened meetings; and
- Convening of, and participating in, coalitions and networks with organizations that share the League's concerns.

The League provides a strong and effective voice in support of policies and programs that can improve the lives of Michigan's low-income and vulnerable families and individuals.

What People Say About the League

The League's ability to quickly but diligently research and present analysis is critical during this time of potential change. ”

Labor Leader

We appreciate the Michigan League as a reliable source of sound information and education regarding the serious issues we face today. ”

Former State Senator

The work of the League has proven extremely valuable as we examine issues and make public policy decisions that can ensure that services to the State's most vulnerable residents are maintained. ”

Local Community Action Agency Director

I“know of no organization that currently matches the research and depth the League brings to some of our most pressing issues. ”

Policy Adviser to the Governor



Examples of the League's Work

- *Kids Count in Michigan annual data book*
- *Right Start in Michigan*
- *Economic Self-Sufficiency in Michigan: A Benchmark for Ensuring Family Well-Being*
- *Michigan League for Human Services Guide to Data in Your Back Yard*
- *Michigan by the Numbers: Hard Times Continue*

Join the Michigan League for Human Services and be part of shaping public policy to benefit low-income individuals and families. Members receive timely public policy information and access to the League's Insurance Project for Nonprofits.

Due Structure for Organizations

Group IV (budget over \$500,000)	\$ 200/yr
Group III (\$250,000 - 499,999)	\$ 125/yr
Group II (\$50,000 - 249,999)	\$ 100/yr
Group I (budget up to \$49,999)	\$ 40/yr

Individuals

Leadership	\$ 100/yr
Regular	\$ 40/yr
Special low-income rate	\$ 5/yr

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