Wins and Challenges: Reflections on the 2018 State Legislative Sessions

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Welcome

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The Prosperity Now mission is to ensure everyone in our country has a clear path to financial stability, wealth and prosperity.
Welcome

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Agenda

- What Did We Learn From This Session?
- Tales from the Field
  - Statewide Poverty Action Network
  - Georgia Budget & Policy Institute
  - Florida Prosperity Partnership
- Audience Discussion
- Upcoming Opportunities
Poll #1: How would you describe your legislative session?

- Horrifying
- Crazier than usual
- Challenging but manageable
- Piece of cake!
What Did We Learn from this Session?

- Shorter legislative sessions in many states meant quick action
- Federal winds struck with gale force
- Difficulty of making decisions without complete information about state revenue
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Poll #2:
Which of the following issue areas have you worked on in the past year, or plan to pursue in the next two years?

- Savings penalties
- State EITC
- Consumer protections
- Other [Write into the chat box!]
Audience Discussion

Type your questions in the chat box!
Publications

Have questions? Not sure where to get started? Wondering who else in your state is working on this issue? Contact the State & Local Policy team at srice@prosperitynow.org

Highlighted Resource:
The State Policy Blueprint compiles a select list of policies from the Scorecard that are effective and promising in improving the financial security of people of color. The compounding research about racial disparities and the lack of savings among households of color demonstrate the need for legislators and advocates alike to prioritize policies that widen the path to prosperity for communities of color.

Highlighted Resource:
The Racial Equity Policy Design and Advocacy Primer can help you think through details and implementation once you have decided on a set of policy priorities. The Primer includes a framing and rationale for adopting a racial equity lens in advocacy and policy design to avoid creating policies that exacerbate racial wealth inequality.
More Data for You!

Check out new Scorecard local data at scorecard.prosperitynow.org for cities, counties, metro areas, tribal lands and congressional districts!
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Make your voice heard by calling, emailing, tweeting or scheduling a visit with your Members of Congress with a fast and simple click of a button!

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Calling all ADVOCATES!

Win a free registration to the 2018 Prosperity Summit!

To learn more and participate visit:
prosperitynow.org/take-action

Registration for the 2018 Prosperity Summit is open!
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to learn more and to register!
Save the Date!

Camp Prosperity is coming this Summer!

Join us for a 6-week, in-depth summer learning experience focused on building coalitions and engaging in advocacy this election cycle!

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to create and improve programs and policies that foster opportunity, especially for those who have not had it before.

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- Racial Wealth Equity Network
- Financial Coaching Network
- Savings Network
- Taxpayer Opportunity Network (VITA/Community Tax Prep)
- Campaign for Every Kids Future — Children’s Savings Accounts
- Medical Financial Partnerships (Health/Wealth)
- Innovations in Manufactured Housing (I’M HOME) Network

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Homeownership is key to building wealth. Together, we will advocate for products and policies that provide more affordable homes to more people.

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Consumer protections create fairer, more transparent financial markets. Together, we will ensure consumers keep the safeguards they deserve.

**SAFETY NET**
Safety net programs help protect vulnerable individuals and families from falling deep into poverty. Together, we will protect programs like SNAP, IDAs and more to help those in need when they need it most.

**TURN IT RIGHT-SIDE UP**
The vast majority of tax incentives go to those at the top, not to those who need it most. Together, we will turn our upside-down tax code right-side up.

Visit any of the Campaigns above at [https://prosperitynow.org/take-action](https://prosperitynow.org/take-action) to learn more and join.
Thank You!

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