

# Poverty Toolkit

## State Programs

### *Iowa*

- Gov. Branstad, Lt. Gov. Reynolds announce broadband expansion to nearly 90,000 homes across Iowa (<https://governor.iowa.gov/2015/08/branstad-reynolds-announce-broadband-expansion-to-nearly-90000-homes-across-iowa>)

### *Michigan*

- Michigan's River of Opportunity ([https://www.michigan.gov/documents/snyder/The-River-FINAL\\_479441\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/snyder/The-River-FINAL_479441_7.pdf))
- Community Ventures (<http://www.mitalent.org/community-ventures/>)

### *Minnesota*

- Pathways to Prosperity ([http://www.mn.gov/governor/images/economic\\_development\\_fact\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.mn.gov/governor/images/economic_development_fact_sheet.pdf))

### *Wisconsin*

- Fast Forward: <http://www.wisconsinfastforward.com/> In particular, the **Blueprint for Prosperity** initiative within Wisconsin Fast Forward includes two programs that target students (high school and college) with skill development and credential attainment:
  - **High School Pupil** program: \$4.6M awarded to applicants (e.g. high schools, technical colleges, workforce development boards, employers, etc.) to date who build skill development through employer-defined (demand driven) programs, including dual enrollment programming. Over 2,000 high school students will be participating in these programs. The awards and program descriptions are viewable on the website: <http://www.wisconsinfastforward.com/prosperity/pupil/>
  - **Technical College Wait List** program: Nearly \$28M invested in 100 programs to 16 technical colleges (roughly 4,900 "seats" for students available through this funding): [http://www.wisconsinfastforward.com/prosperity/tech\\_college/](http://www.wisconsinfastforward.com/prosperity/tech_college/) Most programs yield a certificate or credential and award technical college credits accordingly. Some include certification testing with national accreditation agencies.
  - [Wisconsin Apprenticeship Models](#)
- CTE Technical Incentive Grants: [http://cte.dpi.wi.gov/cte\\_technical-incentive-grants](http://cte.dpi.wi.gov/cte_technical-incentive-grants)
  - The list of "high demand" fields that are recognized for awards are listed on the web site: [http://cte.dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/cte/pdf/approved\\_dpi\\_certifications\\_list\\_05-07-14\\_sw.pdf](http://cte.dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/cte/pdf/approved_dpi_certifications_list_05-07-14_sw.pdf)
- Youth Apprenticeship: <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/youthapprenticeship/>
  - [Youth to Adult Employment Programs](#)

## Federal Programs

**Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)** (<http://www.doleta.gov/wioa/>)

## **Federal Communications Commission**

- [Statement of FCC Commissioner Ajita Pai: Announcing his plan to support broadband deployment in rural America](#)
- [Statement of FCC Commissioner Ajita Pai: On the need to extend broadband throughout rural America](#)

## **Federal Action**

### **Wisconsin Congressman Paul Ryan's poverty project**

<http://news.yahoo.com/the-real-reason-paul-ryan-said-he-won-t-run-for-president-in-2016-224731391.html>

### **Agriculture Secretary Vilsack to Announce New USDA Effort to Fight Child Hunger at National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference**

<http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAO/bulletins/f4df0d>

### **Congress Fails to Act on Poverty**

<http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2015/03/congress-gets-a-failing-grade-on-poverty/388015/>

## **Non-Governmental Organizations**

### **Habitat for Humanity International Letter to MGA**

([www.midwesterngovernors.org/Poverty/HabitatLetter.pdf](http://www.midwesterngovernors.org/Poverty/HabitatLetter.pdf))

### **Habitat for Humanity Homeowner Report**

([www.midwesterngovernors.org/Poverty/HabitatHomeownerReport.pdf](http://www.midwesterngovernors.org/Poverty/HabitatHomeownerReport.pdf))

## **Other Organizations**

### **States Employ Two-Generation Strategies For Low-Income Parents, Children**

<http://nga.org/cms/sites/NGA/home/news-room/news-releases/2015--news-releases/col2-content/states-employ-two-generation-str.html>

### **YouthBuild – State Snapshots:**

- [Illinois](#)
- [Indiana](#)
- [Iowa](#)
- [Kansas](#)
- [Michigan](#)
- [Minnesota](#)
- [Missouri](#)
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## **New Articles**

### **Why you should never, ever play the lottery**

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2015/05/14/why-you-should-never-ever-play-the-lottery/>

### **Growing up in severe poverty affects brain size, UW-Madison study shows**

<http://www.jsonline.com/business/growing-up-in-severe-poverty-affects-brain-size-uw-madison-study-shows-b99560996z1-323318361.html>