



# 2024 Policy Priorities

Our policy priorities are informed by the conversations and feedback we hear from people living on low incomes and people of color.

## Meeting Basic Needs

### Guaranteed Basic Income

- Pass and fund a statewide GBI program and bolster support for existing GBI pilots across the state.

### Increasing Dental Care Access

- Improve Medicaid coverage for dentures, partials, braces, and other essential procedures and using Medicaid as an incentive for mobile dental clinics providing care to rural communities.

## Transforming Cash Assistance Programs

### Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

- Reinstate TANF Hardship Time Limit Extensions to increase equity and ensure that all families that need help can receive it.
- Allow the full Child Support Passthrough to ensure that child support payments to families on TANF go to children, not the state.

### Working Families Tax Credit

- Expand access to the Working Families Tax Credit to all adults over the age of 18.

### Increasing Transparency and Accountability of Fraud Investigations

- Require the Office of Fraud and Accountability within DSHS to regularly present data to the legislature including the racial demographics of people investigated.

## Bolstering Consumer Protections

- Cap payday loan interest rates, as several other states do, at 36%.
- Ensure unclaimed gift cards are transferred to the state as unclaimed property, then to the state as revenue, instead of padding corporate profits.
- Allow consumers to cash out gift cards under \$50, combine gift cards with other forms of payment to maximize their use, and prevent companies from setting minimum reloading amounts to gift cards.
- Regulate Home Equity Sharing Agreements to ensure the same protection as traditional mortgages and restrict abusive loan terms.