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A Decade of Promoting Prosperity

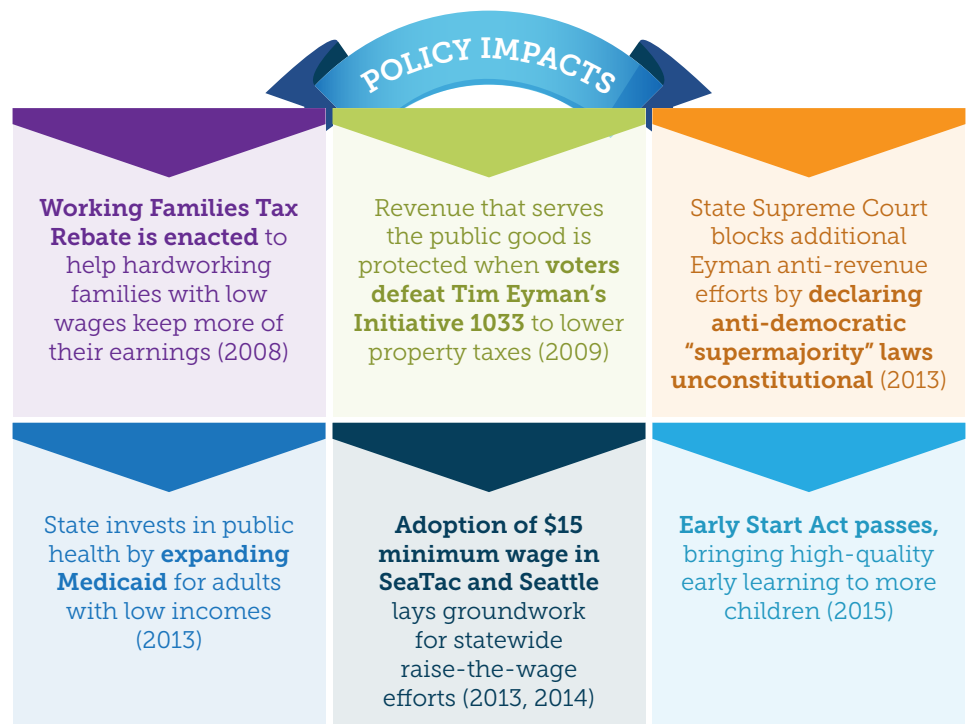
What We've Accomplished

Who We Are

The Washington State Budget & Policy Center is a nonpartisan research organization that promotes common-sense policies to advance the well-being of Washingtonians. Through our sound research, strategic communications, and broad community partnerships, we push for public investments in the building blocks of a strong economy – including excellent schools, living-wage jobs, and healthy communities. Guided by the belief that all Washingtonians deserve the opportunity to thrive, we work to create a state that is just, equitable, and prosperous.

The Budget & Policy Center is proud to celebrate a decade of advancing economic and social policies to build a better state for Washingtonians. We share a vision of a state where all children go to great schools; workers earn what they need to build a secure future; the environment is healthy; and all communities can thrive. A state where people from all races, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds, and zip codes have equal opportunity for prosperity. Where the tax code isn't set up to favor the powerful few.

In our first 10 years, we have moved closer toward making this vision a reality. The achievements noted here – by no means a comprehensive list – show what we've accomplished so far. Our successes are thanks to the help of the many people and organizations we've partnered with and the generous individuals and foundations who have supported us. **And we're just getting started...**



HIGH-PROFILE PROJECTS

Our **Progress Index** – a comprehensive state-of-the-state measure of Washington’s well-being – serves as a go-to resource for policymakers and advocates (2008, 2015)

Budget Matters policy conference kicks off and becomes influential event that annually convenes hundreds (2012)

Public Will project starts in 2013 as multi-organization effort to broaden support for public investments. It becomes **All In for Washington** campaign in 2016

Materials produced with our allies emphasize the racial equity impacts of policymaking, including **Facing Race** report and **racial equity toolkit** (2015)

DEBATE-SHAPING POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Policy briefs on **capital gains tax** and **tax break transparency** lay the foundation for legislation that is advancing today (2011)

Amicus brief to State Supreme Court shows that **legislature must raise new revenue to meet McCleary requirements** to fund K-12 schools (2014)

Series of analyses we start publishing in 2014 – **focused on intergenerational approach to poverty prevention** – leads to proposed legislation in 2016

KEY PARTNERSHIPS & ORGANIZATIONAL MILESTONES

We join the **State Priorities Partnership** network (then called State Fiscal Analysis Initiative) (2006)

Schmudget blog launches, becomes sought-after budget and policy analysis resource (2008)

We become a **KIDS COUNT** state network member – in partnership with the Children’s Alliance – through the Annie E. Casey Foundation (2010)

A group of our supporters endow the **Betty Jane Narver Fellowship** to give young leaders the opportunity to learn about the state policy arena (2010)

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