

A Decade of Promoting Prosperity

What We've Accomplished

code isn't set up to favor the powerful few.

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

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...**

POLICY IMPACTS

Working Families Tax Rebate is enacted to help hardworking families with low wages keep more of their earnings (2008) Revenue that serves the public good is protected when **voters defeat Tim Eyman's Initiative 1033** to lower property taxes (2009) State Supreme Court blocks additional Eyman anti-revenue efforts by **declaring anti-democratic** "supermajority" laws unconstitutional (2013)

State invests in public health by **expanding Medicaid** for adults with low incomes (2013) Adoption of \$15 minimum wage in SeaTac and Seattle lays groundwork for statewide raise-the-wage efforts (2013, 2014) **Early Start Act passes,** bringing high-quality early learning to more children (2015)

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)

HIGH-PROFILE PROJECTS

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)



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



