



## Recommendations from PCCY's Report:

### ***Underwater: What's Sinking Families in Delaware County***

The bleak situation facing Delaware County families will only change with large-scale action. The following policies must be implemented, or the cycle of financial stress will never end. The children in these struggling families will become the next generation of struggling families. The American Dream will become the American Drain.

#### ***To boost families' incomes:***

- + Create a workforce development strategy to help people move into higher paying jobs
- + Increase the State government's payments to agencies that employ low-wage, government-funded professionals, such as Direct Support Professionals and child care workers, so that wages are at least \$15 an hour and ideally \$18 an hour, to increase the ability of these professionals to stay above water while supporting a family

#### ***To reduce the child care and early education cost burden:***

- + Increase funding for Child Care Works, Pre-K Counts and Head Start
- + Expand eligibility for Child Care Works
- + Implement full day kindergarten in all school districts

#### ***To reduce the health care cost burden:***

- + Expand eligibility for free and subsidized Children's Health Insurance Program
- + Preserve the Affordable Care Act

#### ***To reduce the cost burden of other living expenses:***

- + Create more affordable transportation through mobility planning at the County level
- + Create affordable housing strategies at the County level

#### ***To reduce the tax burden on financially struggling families:***

- + Expand Pennsylvania's Tax Forgiveness program to incomes of at least \$75,000
- + Offset property taxes by increasing State funding for public schools

#### ***To improve the financial outlook of public schools:***

- + Increase State K-12 basic education and special education funding
- + Restore the State's charter school reimbursement to school districts

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