

Stable, sensible tax and revenue policy

Our goal is to evaluate policy choices to align government resources with the needs of Ohio Communities.

The people who live in our communities, the institutions they serve, and the businesses that locate here rely upon one another and the public resources that make Ohio a great place to live.

We examine the interplay of funding at the federal, state, and local levels. We look at the revenue systems unique to Ohio and examine the impact of decisions.



Ohio should prioritize promoting growth, protecting taxpayers, and adequately funding core public responsibilities.

State income tax cuts don't make needs disappear. They often shift costs to counties, municipalities, school districts, or property taxpayers.

Tax policy, credits, and exemptions should be assessed for effectiveness and return on investment. Ohio should distinguish between ineffective spending and investments that strengthen working families, prevent higher costs, or support economic growth.

Systems function best with reliable and predictable funding.

Stable government resources prevent costly crises and allows strategic investments to improve community conditions.

Community Solutions starts from a presumption that taxpayer dollars should be protected and evaluates tax policy on whether it delivers results, not from a predetermined preference for higher or lower taxes.

THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

The Center for Community Solutions is a **nonpartisan policy and research center**, a trusted nonprofit with a legacy of **pragmatic problem-solving in Ohio's health and human services landscape since 1913.**

Community Solutions will evaluate both sides of the ledger: how revenue is raised, how it is spent, and what taxpayers receive in return.

75%

of the nearly **\$30 Billion HHS investments** in Ohio come through the state budget.

20%

of tax filers **do not claim the Earned Income Tax Credit**, even when eligible.

6.4 million

refundable tax credits **lifted 6.4 million Americans out of poverty** in 2023, over half of them children.

\$1,900

per person in health and social service investments came through the state budget process.

\$0.62

every dollar invested in health and social services originates as **federal funding**.

Medicaid represents 4% of Ohio's economy.



5 more things to know about **tax + revenue policy**

- 1 Refundable tax credits impact child poverty more than any other public program, **reducing child poverty by nearly 2 percent**.
- 2 Replacing property taxes with income taxes would **quadruple income tax rates**
- 3 If income taxes were levied locally, the **income tax rate would reach up to 27 percent** in some counties.
- 4 **Federal Medicaid funding for Ohio will decline** by anywhere between 13 percent (\$33B) and 16 percent (\$41B) over the next decade, under H.R. 1.
- 5 H.R.1 **shifted \$416+ million in SNAP costs** to Ohio taxpayers



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Tax + revenue