LAND OF TOMORROW

Some historians say the original meaning of the word Kentucky is “land of tomorrow.” When Kentuckians have made real progress in the past—improving our schools, expanding civil rights, cleaning up corruption, protecting the land—we have come together around a vision of a better tomorrow built on the best of our traditions, cultures and communities. We have worked together to identify problems, develop solutions and bring about change.

But Kentucky still faces many challenges. Poverty is too high. Our traditional economy is in decline. Too many Kentuckians lack adequate education or affordable health care. Inequality is on the rise. Jobs are too few, and too many of the jobs that exist don’t pay enough to meet families’ needs.

The key to making progress—to truly becoming the land of tomorrow—is better public policy. That means more public investment in education, health care and the building blocks of a strong economy. It means more ladders of opportunity for Kentuckians. And it means policies that benefit the many rather than those that enrich the few.

To have that kind of policy, we need a stronger democracy. And that requires institutions that can analyze and interpret policy issues for the public and develop specific alternatives that could work. That’s why we launched the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy in 2011.

SUPPORT KCEP

Our work provides vital information and analysis to support deeper, more democratic discussions of crucial public policy issues. KCEP helps build a more informed public, enhance decision making and improve the quality of life for all Kentuckians.

We need your financial support to sustain our work and make it stronger.

Please consider a financial contribution to KCEP today. Tax-deductible donations can be made to KCEP’s 501c3 parent organization, the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED), and designated for KCEP’s work.

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KCEP WORKS FOR A RANGE OF POLICY GOALS, INCLUDING:

- A state budget that adequately funds needed services and prioritizes what’s most important.
- A tax system that is fair and provides an adequate and sustainable flow of needed revenues.
- Education policies that provide opportunities for all Kentuckians to learn and obtain skills.
- Economic security policies that help Kentucky families meet their basic needs and Kentucky workers advance to better jobs and opportunities.
- Economic development policies that create good jobs and a sustainable economy.

KCEP is an initiative of the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED) and is a member of the State Fiscal Analysis Initiative (SFAI), a national network of organizations that work to address state tax and budget issues and their impact on low- and moderate-income families. SFAI is coordinated by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. KCEP is also a member of the Working Poor Families Project and the Economic Analysis and Research Network.