

## **ECONOMIC DISPARITY & POVERTY**

### **Position Statement**

NASW, Iowa Chapter, affirms the need to ensure that all Iowans are able to support themselves and their families, through wages and social economic programs.

### ***Recommendations***

- Increase the Family Investment Program grant over a three year period, beginning in SFY 2016 to more closely align with the cost of living, including an automatic cost of living increase.
- Revise eligibility for child care and other subsidy programs to gradually reduce benefits as income increases.
- Any changes in the tax code should be designed to benefit low and moderate income families.
- Increase the Earned Income Tax Credit to 20% of the federal EITC for all families, including those without children.
- Adopt a livable minimum wage that increases with the rate of inflation.

The full version of this statement with references can be found at <https://nasw-heartland.site-ym.com/?183>