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Work requirements don't reduce poverty, but skill building can

Last week, President Trump issued an Executive Order calling for new work requirements across a range of safety net programs. And, the newly introduced Farm Bill undermines otherwise promising investments in SNAP E&T with punitive work requirements that would likely result in millions of Americans losing access to basic food assistance. It seems like several lawmakers are trying to equate *work requirements* with *workforce development* – but in reality, work requirements aren't effective at lifting people out of poverty.

In a new Medium piece, Jessica Fraser, Director of the Indiana Institute for Working Families (and NSC board member) describes how imposing work requirements on Hoosiers insured through Medicaid is counterproductive to the goals of helping people find family-supporting careers and connecting Indiana businesses with trained workers.

Read [If my state was serious about ending poverty, we would focus on skill building, instead of work requirements](#) and share with anyone who thinks work requirements are a quick fix.

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