



Who Are We?

ACPP is a statewide coalition of 150 congregations and organizations as well as hundreds of individuals united in their belief that low-income people are suffering because of state policy decisions. Through ACPP and its sister organization, Alabama Arise, groups and individuals join together to promote state policies that improve the lives of low-income Alabamians.

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Alabama.”

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Speaking up
for change in
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Your most vulnerable neighbors are hurting because of policy decisions — and together we can do something about it.

- Because Alabama taxes low-income families deeper into poverty, thousands of parents can't make ends meet.
- Because Alabama's 1901 constitution gives too much power to the Legislature, ordinary citizens lack control over decisions affecting their communities.
- Because Alabama provides inadequate funding for human services and transportation, many Alabamians do not have access to basic health care.

When Arise members speak up, things begin to change.

It doesn't come easily, but reform can happen — when you join hundreds of others to contact lawmakers about unfair policies.

- After Arise members spoke out for children who had no health coverage, Alabama started the first Children's Health Insurance Program in the country.
- After we spoke out about the lack of tenant rights, Alabama passed its first law outlining the rights and responsibilities of both landlords and tenants.
- After we spoke out about Alabama having the lowest income tax threshold in the nation, lawmakers increased the threshold for a family of four from \$4,600 to \$12,600.

There's much more to do.

- Alabama needs a fair tax system that doesn't tax low- and middle-income people at double the share of income paid by high-income Alabamians.
- Alabama needs a health system that offers adequate, accessible and affordable care to all.
- Alabama needs adequately funded human services to improve the quality of life for vulnerable Alabamians.

What can one person do?

You can join your voice with thousands of others speaking up for change in Alabama.

Join Arise and help set our agenda.

- Become an individual member.
- Get your congregation or group to join.

Educate yourself.

- As a member, you'll get up-to-date reports so you can be an informed advocate.
- Sign up at www.arisecitizens.org to receive our Daily News Digest.

Spread the word.

- Talk to your family and friends. Help dispel misinformation about poverty in Alabama.
- Write letters to the editor.
- Join our Facebook page and invite your friends to join.

Be an advocate.

- Contact your representative or senator. To receive timely legislative alerts about Arise issues, visit www.arisecitizens.org and click "Get Legislative Alerts."

