



Empowering a  
New Generation  
of Americans

# 2026 PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA

## OUR VISION

Everyone is empowered to live The American Dream.

## OUR MISSION

Empowering immigrants and others to become self-sufficient, productive, and civically engaged.

## 2026 PRIORITIES & RECOMMENDATIONS

### Workforce & Economic Development

- Hispanic Unity of Florida seeks **support for Career and Technical Education programs** that offers recognized credentials for high-demand jobs, accessible to individuals of all skill levels.

These programs empower working families to develop job skills to in-demand careers, creating a path to attain high-wage jobs that will lead to economic self-sustainability. This investment will help working families access well-paying jobs and strengthen Florida's workforce and economy.

- Promote workforce development by investing in **apprenticeship and training programs** for individuals entering the workforce. Continued state support is crucial for the success of these programs.
- **Encourage the growth of small businesses** through capacity-building programs, funding mechanisms, and initiatives.

### Housing

- **Support Affordable and Attainable Housing.** HUF provides first time home buying counseling services that supports an individual's journey to economic self-sustainability by creating multi-generational wealth.

The dream of homeownership should be within reach for all families. We call upon state legislators to continue supporting policies and dedicate funding to initiatives that reduce barriers to first-time home buying, including down payment assistance, mortgage subsidies, and financial literacy programs.

### Education

- **Support Increased Funding for Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program (VPK):** Advocate for additional funding to bolster programs like HUF's Unity 4Kids, which provide essential educational and enrichment opportunities. These initiatives are crucial for supporting low-income working families and promoting children's readiness for and success in school.
- **Maintain and Expand Funding for the School Readiness Program:** Advocate for sustained and enhanced funding to allow more eligible families to participate. Propose increasing the income threshold above the current 200% of the federal poverty level to prevent families from losing benefits as they progress economically.

### Health

- Support the elimination of the five-year residency in Florida rule for pregnant woman who are Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR's) to access Medicaid.
- Support a state implemented affordable healthcare coverage plan for uninsured Floridians.