Social Welfare Reforms in the Midwest: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin
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ABSTRACT
This report examines welfare reforms in five Midwest states, following the Responsibility Act of 1996. The states, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, are selected because of their geographic proximity and because of their unique policies and programs. These programs are reviewed, compared, and assessed in this report. An important finding is the disparity between claims of success in reducing welfare dependency against the apparent persistence of poverty, hunger, and other related social problems for millions of children and working poor.

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