

# **Refund the Future: Because the First Five Years Don't Fund Themselves**

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# **Funding Strategies & National Players**



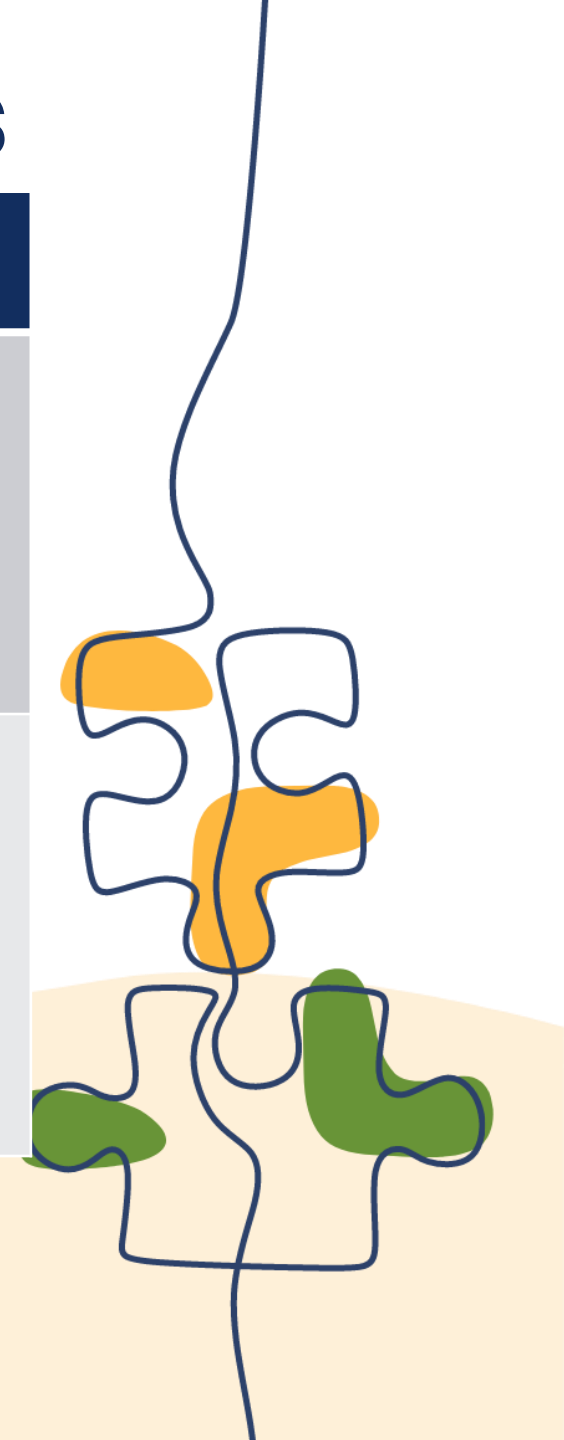
**A more equitable tax code and tax system is a way to address inequities that have negatively impacted millions of individuals and families.**

- A. Financial burden, cash in the pocket, and wealth accumulation
- B. Upside down tax code
- C. Unequal and biased processes



# Variety of Funding Strategies

	Cash in the Pocket/Tax Credits	Revenue for Family Serving Programs	Tax Systems
Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outreach materials/ social media</li> <li>• Translation</li> <li>• Trusted messengers</li> <li>• Research</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Awareness raising</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Availability of free and low-cost tax preparation</li> <li>• Technology advances</li> <li>• Awareness raising</li> </ul>
Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy/advocacy to expand, modernize, defend federal and state tax credits</li> <li>• Coalition building</li> <li>• Communications and narrative</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy/advocacy to improve equitable, robust revenue systems</li> <li>• Coalition building</li> <li>• Communications and narrative</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocacy to change federal and state tax administration programs</li> <li>• Audit equity and accountability</li> </ul>





# Ecosystem Approach

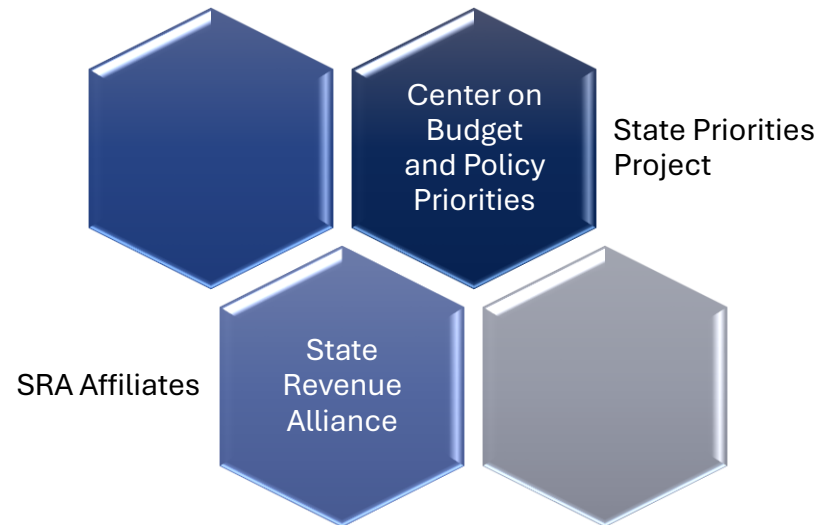




# Network of Organizations – A Sampling

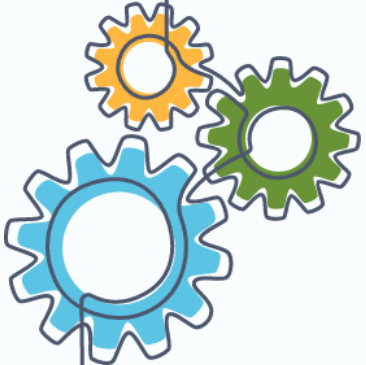
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A quick look at a state tax systems ecosystem

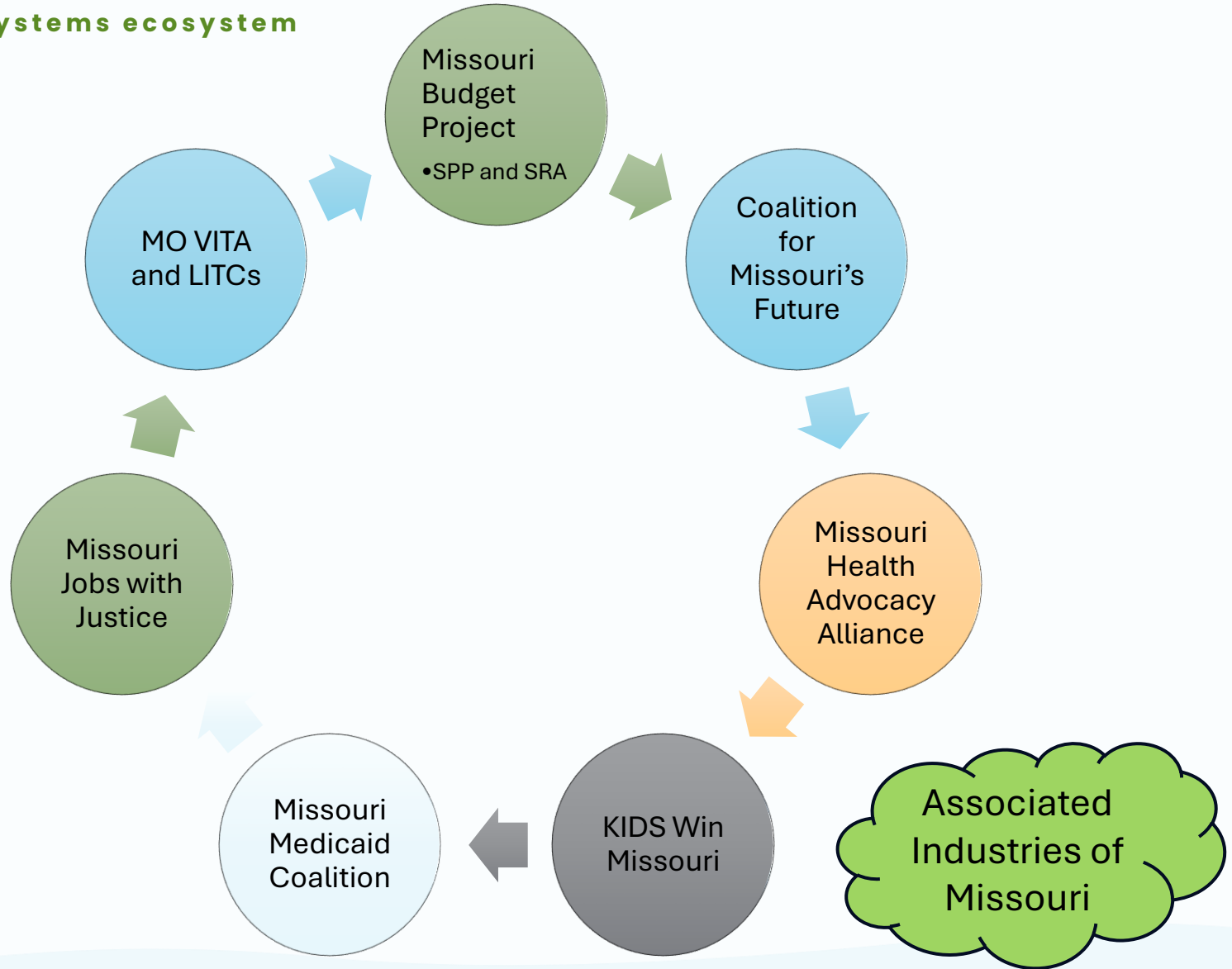
# Missouri



Legislature is considering a proposal to replace the state's income tax with an expanded sales tax.



Leaving a \$7.75 billion hole to replace the after-refunds revenue from income tax.



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