

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR POLICY MAKERS? We all work within our own frame of reference that is built from our own unique life experience. Knowing some of the experience and activities of our elected officials helps us to understand who is influencing their decisions, and helps us to think of effective partners in our advocacy work.

Try to collect as much information as you can about your elected officials. This is true for federal, state and local policymakers. This form can help you.

Name:	
Position (Michigan Representative, City Councilmember, etc.):	
District # and location:	
Political Party:	Is it the majority party?
Address (office)	Phone (office)
Address (home)	Phone (home)
Family Information (married, ages of children, etc.):	
Educational Background (do they have ties to a certain school or skill-base, etc.):	
Work Background (what did they do for a living and who were they involved with before becoming an elected official?):	
Political Background (were they involved in the ir political party, staff for other candidates, etc.):	
Committee Assignments:	
Is this person in a leadership position?	If so, what position?
Important Issues (what do they sponsor or champion, what do they talk about, etc.):	
Any special interests or unique situations (do they have a disabled child, did they have substance abuse problems, etc.):	

What organizations do they belong to or work closely with?
Do they have a special relationship with...
Your neighborhood, city, county:
A group that you are involved in:
Other people that you know:
Who are their staff? Name: Position: Interests:
Do any of the staff have special relationships with you or those you know?
What other important things do you know about this person?