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NABIG Congress Hosts Experts, Politicians and Researchers on Guaranteed Income

Three-day event is free and open to the public and press

June 14, 2021 - The North American Basic Income Guarantee (NABIG) will hold its 19th annual Congress this week, featuring more than 120 speakers across 35 panels from June 17-19. The theme of this year's event is Basic Income: Knowledge, Activism, Policy. All activities related to the Congress are online, free and open to the public and press. For a full lineup and to register, visit www.nabigcongress.com.

The concept of a basic income – unrestricted cash payments from the government made on a regular basis – has made huge progress since the COVID-19 pandemic. In working to offset the dire economic damage caused by the virus, leaders have embraced policies such as multiple stimulus checks and an expansion of the Child Tax Credit to nearly every parent in America.

[A recent analysis](#) of the primarily cash-based relief efforts of bills passed in December 2020 and March of 2021 found the interventions led to food insufficiency falling by over 40%, financial instability falling by 45%, and reported adverse mental health symptoms falling by 20%. This data follows recently-released results by long-running pilots in both Stockton, CA and Jackson, MS. High-level findings from those efforts include increases in finding full-time work, the ability to build savings and pay down debt and significant boosts to physical and mental wellbeing.

The NABIG Congress will kick-off with a keynote panel on June 17 at 4 p.m. ET, featuring several members of Mayors for a Guaranteed Income discussing the work they are doing in the fight for a federal guaranteed income and the important role guaranteed income pilots are playing in pursuit of this goal.

Other highlights include a complimentary screening of the basic income documentary, *Inherent Good*, followed by a panel discussion with the film's producers, including "[The Liberal Redneck](#)" Trae Crowder.

Congress this year is a cooperative effort of USBIG, the Basic Income Canada Network, The Basic Income Canada Youth Network, Income Movement.

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