



**We've improved lives  
across Alabama!**

The 2025 legislative session is officially over, and it was busy and productive. Arise staff, partners and members worked hard to improve the lives of folks living paycheck to paycheck while also protecting the rights of Alabamians under attack by people with regressive policy agendas.

**We made major progress toward a better, more inclusive Alabama.**

And while we didn't win every fight, together, we held the line for vulnerable people. We successfully advocated for new laws that will improve lives.

These policies will:

- **Make groceries more affordable** for all Alabamians by reducing the state grocery tax (again)!
- **Increase access to food in schools** by securing more funding in our education budget for no-cost school breakfast programs in public schools.
- **Make it easier for pregnant Alabamians to get prenatal screenings** by removing red tape around Medicaid's "presumptive eligibility" rule.
- **Ensure more parents can care for their new families** by securing a new paid parental leave policy for teachers, two-year college workers and state employees.
- **Decrease the cost of living for families** by ending the state sales tax on essential items like diapers, baby supplies, menstrual hygiene products and maternity clothing.

The fight doesn't stop here. We must build on this momentum as we head toward the 2026 session. **Visit [alarise.org](https://alarise.org) to join the fight and make your voice be heard!**