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Matt Paprocki is president and CEO of the Illinois Policy Institute (IPI) and recently started the Center for Poverty Solutions at IPI. The Center emphasizes that current policies have made poverty more bearable rather than helping people escape a trap that lasts for generations, ultimately creating dependence and taking away people's dignity and purpose. The Center focuses primarily on state and local Chicago issues. Matt is an appointed member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Illinois Advisory Committee. In addition to leading IPI, Matt is also the chairman of the Illinois Policy PAC, an advocacy group that gives taxpayers a stronger voice in Springfield, IL. Matt is a proven leader whose work has helped the Institute evolve into the leading state-based think tank in the country.