

Alabama Arise says decade marked by lost potential for workers in state

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An advocacy group's annual report says 2009 caps a decade of lost potential for Alabama workers.

The report released today by the Arise Citizens' Policy Project says years of solid productivity in the early part of the decade brought little change to Alabama's median wages and household income.

State coordinator Kimble Forrister said that rising unemployment and a severe recession at the end of the decade means conditions are deteriorating for millions of hard-working people through no fault of their own.

He urged the state to avoid deep budget cuts that could worsen the unemployment picture.



Associated Press/file Kimble Forrister, right, shown here with Gov. Bob Riley, is state coordinator of Alabama Arise, which advocates for low-income families.