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COMMUNITY ADVOCATES PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE

Community Advocates Public Policy Institute targets poverty by:

- Advising on and supporting smart, nonpartisan changes to public policies to remove structural and systemic barriers to success
- Advocating for upstream public health efforts to foster resilience and well-being among people living on low incomes to increase wellness and personal and career satisfaction

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OUR 2022 PRIORITIES

- Removing racial, gender & other systemic barriers to good jobs & healthy families
- Connecting health outcomes to rental housing policies, practices & conditions
- Sustainable use of federal ARPA funds
- Modernizing & expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit & Child Tax Credit
- Creating opportunities in the Green Economy for disadvantaged workers
- Linking trauma-informed services to workforce training & reentry
- Addressing Milwaukee's lead crisis through creative workforce solutions & community engagement
- Analyzing Milwaukee residents' access to clean & affordable water

OUR 2021 ADVOCACY & ORGANIZING WORK

- Engaged diverse national, state & local partners to address rental housing, subsidized employment, reentry, tax policy & child abuse & neglect
- Influenced federal tax credit & workforce legislation
- Publicized the COVID-related federal investments in Economic Impact Payments, supplementary Unemployment Insurance, & the Child Tax Credit
- Brought together 60 experts from across the country to address how best to design & administer periodic payment of the Earned Income & Child Tax Credits
- Served on Milwaukee's City/County Task Force on Climate & Economic Equity, helping to ensure that climate change solutions environmental & economic inequality
- Produced, in conjunction with the Georgetown Center on Poverty & Inequality, a "Lessons of the New Hope Project" brief on evidence-based lessons for reducing poverty
- Partnered on an Employment & Resource Fair for workers facing barriers to good jobs, including justice system involvement
- Coordinated the Milwaukee Reentry Council, the Milwaukee Transitional Jobs Collaborative & the Milwaukee Child Abuse Prevention Services Public Policy Committee