



Community Advocates Public Policy Institute

Policy. Prevention. Innovation.



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What We Do



Analyze & Advocate for Policy Change



Coordinate Coalitions & Convene Citizens



Help Community-based Agencies Impact Poverty through Prevention Work

Highlights of Our First Decade



Transitional Jobs Become a Reality

- The Wisconsin budget includes an amendment drafted by PPI's David Riemer that creates the Transitional Jobs Demonstration Project authorizing up to 2,500 jobs. The subsequent Wisconsin Families Jobs Act lifts the cap on transitional jobs.
- PPI helps to found the Milwaukee Transitional Jobs Collaborative.



Release of Working Our Way Out of Poverty Policy Package

- After years of development and testing, PPI launches this work-based policy package that will greatly reduce poverty. US Senator Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin & Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey introduce The Stronger Way Act, inspired by PPI's proposal.



Community Advocates Public Policy Institute Launches

- PPI secures funding for the Milwaukee Addiction Treatment Initiative, a partnership to expand affordable, accessible addiction treatment.
- Wildflower Communities funds the Mental Health Policy Project, a collaborative effort to ensure the availability of mental health services in Milwaukee County.



Insurance Parity Victory

- Gov. Jim Doyle signs the Wisconsin Addiction and Mental Health Parity Law, strongly supported by PPI and allies.



Prevention Work Expands

- PPI expands its reach by convening prevention-related coalitions and initiatives targeting positive youth development, reduced tobacco use, substance abuse prevention, anti-violence efforts, smart reentry after incarceration, minority male achievement & transitional jobs.



Healthy Housing Initiative

- PPI celebrates its first decade with the Healthy Housing Initiative, a multifaceted campaign to improve affordable housing and residents' health & well-being.