

# Community Advocates Public Policy Institute 2022 Policy Advocacy

Public policy has always been at the heart of our work. It's in our name. Community Advocates' Public Policy Institute researches, analyzes, and advocates for nonpartisan policy solutions to poverty and its related problems, while enhancing equity for community residents.

# Our 2022 Impact

### **Healthy Housing Initiative**

CA-PPI wrapped up a five-year project supported by the Wisconsin Partnership Program at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. HHI created the report *Home Is Where Our Health Is*, which clearly linked housing conditions to health outcomes, and recommended 32 nonpartisan policies. Adopted recommendations include the creation of the Milwaukee Rental Housing Resource Center and funding for a right to counsel program for tenants facing eviction in Milwaukee and Dane counties.



## **Healthy Workers, Healthy Wisconsin**

Active from 2017 through 2022, HWHW aimed to improve the health and well-being of job seekers by combining employment services, health insurance coverage, and trauma screening with referrals to behavioral health services. Funded by the Wisconsin Partnership Program at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, our main partners were UWM Helen Bader School of Social Welfare along with many local health services and employment agencies, including JobsWork MKE.



### **Supporting Workers and Families**

- Participated in the City-County Task Force on Climate and Economic Equity, which supports a new clean energy economy that provides opportunities for People of Color to more equitably participate in our region's economic growth.
- Backed the enactment of a permanent expansion of the **Child Tax Credit** to support working parents.
- Convened the monthly meetings of the **Milwaukee Transitional Jobs Collaborative** to ensure that the implementation of Transitional Jobs is effective and meaningful.
- Organized the monthly meetings of the **Milwaukee Reentry Council**, which supports the transition of returning citizens into the community with employment, health, housing, and behavioral health assistance.
- Co-led the **Milwaukee Child Abuse Prevention Services Policy Committee** to ensure that policies and programs are producing positive outcomes for families and children.



