

Grantee News

- New Jersey Public Radio and WNYC won a Peabody Award for their series, “Chris Christie, White House Ambitions, and the Abuse of Power.” Read the full series [here](#).
- The New Jersey Supreme court issued a decision stating that the raiding of NJ housing trust funds for the State’s general fund by the Christie Administration is illegal. For more information, read Fair Share Housing Center’s [blog](#).
- Fair Share Housing Center released a report concluding that NJ has an unmet need of 201,382 affordable housing units. For more information, read [here](#).
- The American Friends Service Committee, ACLU-NJ, and the NJ Institute for Social Justice successfully advocated for more fair and reasonable phone rates in NJ’s prisons and county jails. As a result of their efforts, the phone rate will be 5 cents per minute and commission for jails will be eliminated.
- The NJ Alliance for Immigrant Justice (NIAIJ) launched its NJ for All campaign to create more immigrant-friendly communities. Coalition members include ACLU-NJ, American Friends Service Committee, Faith in NJ, NJ Policy Perspective, and Wind of the Spirit. For more information, visit [NIAIJ’s website](#).
- The NJ Alliance for Immigrant Justice, New Jersey Policy Perspective, American Friends Service Committee, and PICO National Network joined more than 150 other organizations from around the country on an amicus brief in support of President Obama’s November immigration executive actions. Read the amicus brief [here](#).
- The Rutgers Center for Women and Work released its report, *Earned Sick Days in Jersey City: A Study of Employers and Employees at Year One*. The report concludes that the ordinance has had positive benefits and neutral impacts on employers and employees. Read the report [here](#).
- NJ Citizen Action Education Fund, the Time to Care Coalition, and NJ Working Families Alliance successfully advocated for the adoption of an earned sick day ordinance in Bloomfield, NJ, making it the ninth NJ municipality to have passed an earned sick day ordinance. Montclair, NJ began implementation of its earned sick day ordinance on March 1, and Judge Jacobson’s recent ruling to throw out litigation against the Trenton ordinance cleared the way for implementation. Both towns passed ordinances through ballot questions in the November 2014 election. Most recently, efforts to pass an earned sick day ordinance in Plainfield, NJ proved unsuccessful due to opposition from its business community, though a council member intends to reintroduce the ordinance later this year. For more information, read: [Bloomfield, Trenton, and Plainfield](#).
- New Jersey Policy Perspective released *Tuition Equality Act is a Half-Measure Without Access to Financial Aid*, a report highlighting the need to pass legislation allowing for state financial aid for undocumented students to fulfill the opportunities to access higher education created by 2013’s Tuition Equality Act. Read the report [here](#).
- Advocates for Children of NJ released its annual *NJ Kids Count* report. The report includes a new section that breaks down key measures of child well-being by race. Read the report [here](#).
- The Center for Non-Profits released its annual report, *New Jersey Non-Profits 2015: Trends and*

Outlook. The report notes that despite some incremental improvements, increased demand and limited funding continue to challenge the non-profit community. Read the report [here](#).

Job Announcements

- Fair Share Housing Center—Communications Director. Click [here](#) for details.
- Ironbound Community Corporation—Environmental Justice Organizer. Click [here](#) for details.

Upcoming Events

- May 7, 2015—Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy—Health Impact Assessment in NJ Conference. Learn more and register [here](#).