

Grantee News**Policy Updates:**

- After a long-fought battle by Make the Road New Jersey and partners, The Temporary Workers Bill of Rights was enacted into law. The bill creates workplace protections for about 127,000 temporary workers, including requirements for temporary agencies to pay minimum wage after deductions for food and meals and to provide transparency on pertinent job information, such as, job location, hours, and pay rate, in the workers' primary language. Read more [here](#).
- Due to advocacy by Environment NJ Policy & Research Center, NJ Work Environment Council, and partners, Governor Murphy issued an executive order to embrace a 100% clean energy economy by 2035. To attain this goal, the law sets goals to ban the sale of gasoline-fueled vehicles and put in place zero-emission heating and cooling systems in nearly a half-million homes and businesses. The transportation and building sectors are the two largest source of global warming pollution. Read more [here](#).
- As families continue to struggle with food security, those who receive Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) many had benefited from an increase to the minimum allotment set to expire at the end of February. Thanks to advocacy by NJ Policy Perspective (NJPP) and partners, legislation passed to increase the minimum monthly benefit under the [SNAP](#) program from \$50 to \$95, impacting about 48,000 households throughout the state. . Read more [here](#)

Policy Setbacks:

- Despite concerns by the Environmental Justice Alliance, Ironbound Community Corporation and partners, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) moved to adopt regulations for power plants seeking permits, renewals, or expansions in "overburdened communities," part of a larger process established by New Jersey's Environmental Justice Law, three years ago. Although the law was initially heralded as groundbreaking, advocates have been vocal about their concerns with weakened and delayed rules. Read more [here](#).
- Many years of advocacy work by immigrant rights organizations such as NJ Alliance for Immigrant Justice to promote Fair and Welcoming policies are threatened by a lawsuit filed by CoreCivic. CoreCivic, which operates correctional facilities and detention centers nationwide, has a contract with ICE, set to expire in August, to house detainees in the Elizabeth Detention Center. The lawsuit challenges the constitutionality of New Jersey's 2021 law that bars all state, county, and local agencies, along with private detention facilities, from renewing, extending, or entering into new immigration detention agreements. Read more about it [here](#),

Policy Reports:

- NJ Conservation Foundation, NJ Highlands Coalition, and partners in the Forest Stewardship Task Force created a guide to the protection and management of New Jersey's public forestlands. The Forest Stewardship Task Force was formed in 2022 to study and identify how New Jersey can best protect and manage its forests to fight climate change, prevent forest fires, improve ecosystems, and protect soil and water quality, among other things. Ultimately, the report calls for the State Legislature to direct the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to take a number of actions, including conducting a statewide planning and mapping process for forested public land based. Read more [here](#).
- NJPP released the report *Stop the Sunset: Corporate Tax Cut Would Benefit the Biggest and Most Profitable Businesses*. Analysis of Governor Murphy's FY 2024 Budget in Brief found that the tax cut would cost \$1 billion in annual revenue. As the state's third-largest source of revenue, the Corporate Business Tax surcharge supports vital investments such as transportation infrastructure, open space, pre-K-12 schools and more. Read more [here](#).
- The Pinelands Preservation Alliance published their 2023 annual report. It sums up the health of the Pinelands preservation efforts by federal, state and local government agencies. The report reviews the actions or inactions of the last 12 months, with a comprehensive account of public policy that affect the Pinelands National Reserve. Read more [here](#).

Leadership and Organizational Announcements

- The New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice (NJAIJ) welcomed Erik Cruz Morales as Policy and Advocacy Manager. He will lead NJAIJ's advocacy efforts, managing and executing strategy for NJAIJ's core campaigns and supporting campaigns in the larger social and racial justice movement.
- Winifred Smith-Jenkins joined Advocates for Children of New Jersey as the new Director of Early Learning Policy and Advocacy. Winifred has over 20 years in child care and parent engagement and direct service expertise..

Events

Building Immigrant Women Economic Power, Wednesday, March 29,2023. Register [here](#).

Virtual Healthy Homes and Communities Summit, Friday, April 28, 2023, 9am-3pm. Register [here](#).

Conference for the Social Sector: Doing Good Better, Tuesday, May 23, 2023. Register [here](#).

Job Announcements

- [ACLU-NJ – Communications Intern](#)
- [American Friends Service Committee – Various Positions](#)
- [Council of New Jersey Grantmakers – Manager of Programs and Learning](#)
- [New Jersey Future Community Planner II and Communications Specialist](#)
- [New Jersey Institute for Social Justice – Director, Democracy and Justice Program,](#)
- [New Jersey Policy Perspective – Campaign Director](#)
- [New Jersey Citizen Action – Fair Housing Test Coordinator, Director of Fair Housing](#)
- [Environment New Jersey – Clean Energy Advocate](#)
- [Rutgers Center on Law, Inequality, and Metropolitan Equity – Various Positions](#)
- [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – Various Positions](#)
- [Ironbound Community Corporation – Various Positions](#)

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