

- The Trustees and staff of The Fund for New Jersey honor the legacy and mourn the loss of our longtime Trustee Governor James Florio, who died September 25, 2022. We extend our deepest condolences to Governor Florio’s wife Lucinda, his family, and his friends. Read the full statement [here](#).
- The Fund for New Jersey awarded grants totaling \$515,000 to advance public policies in the areas of lead poisoning prevention, public education, and anti-poverty. Read the full press release [here](#).
- The Fund for New Jersey is still accepting applications for its Philanthropy Fellow/Program Associate position. We encourage aspiring leaders in public policy to apply for this two-year fellowship position, named in honor of New Jersey public policy leader Leonard Lieberman, who served The Fund with distinction from 1987 to 2015 and led the Board as Chair from 1997 to 2008. [View the full job description and application instructions here](#). We encourage our partners to share with their networks.

**Grantee News****Policy Updates:**

- Gov. Phil Murphy conditionally vetoed The Temporary Workers' Bill of Rights that would [improve working conditions](#) for an estimated 130,000 temporary workers. Gov. Murphy recommended amendments to the measure, including a \$1 million appropriation to implement the bill and ensure “robust enforcement” when temp agencies break the rules. Make the Road NJ, New Labor, Wind of the Spirit, and partners urge legislators to accept the changes and pass the bill. Each day without these labor protection, thousands of temporary workers become vulnerable to wage theft, unsafe working conditions, and discrimination. Read more [here](#).
- Governor Phil Murphy issued a conditional veto on the Community Wealth Preservation bill that would advance equity in the foreclosure process. The bill would help residents and neighborhoods protect their homes during sheriff sales—allowing wealth-generating assets to stay in the community and providing financial security for residents. The Housing and Community Development Network of NJ has advocated for the passage of this bill, stating that it would help families build wealth and keep homes out of the hands of out-of-town investors. Read more [here](#).

**Policy Reports:**

- Advocates for Children of New Jersey (ACNJ) released the following reports:

- *Lessons learned in engaging and supporting New Jersey's hard-to-reach child care community.* In early 2022, (ACNJ) worked to support and engage child care providers who were less likely to apply for stabilization grant funds, including family child care providers, small child care centers, providers who speak a language other than English and faith-based programs. This report looks at the lessons learned from this experience and the broader issues community childcare center face. Read more [here.](#)
- *Infant-Toddler Child Care in Short Supply Due to Lack of Staff.* ACNJ conducted a state-wide survey that reveals that although child care centers report having the space to serve more babies, they simply cannot find enough staff to work in the infant-toddler room. Read more [here.](#)
- In partnership with the Paterson Alliance, ACNJ released a report, *Paterson Kids Count 2022*, on the well-being of children in the City of Paterson. The report offers five-year data trends regarding children and their families on the topics of demographics, family economic security, child health, child protection, child care, education, and information regarding teens, comparing the numbers to Passaic County and the state when available. Read more [here.](#)
- New Jersey Policy Perspective released the report, *New Jersey's Black Students Suffer a Decline in Access to School Mental Health Staff.* The report looks at recent trends in New Jersey schools' capacity to address students' mental health, specifically asking: "How has access to school mental health staff changed for Black, white, Hispanic/Latinx, Asian, and other students over the past decade?" Read more [here.](#)
- New Jersey Future released the report *Promoting and Maintaining Racial Integration: Lessons from Selected New Jersey Towns.* New Jersey Future intern Isabel Yip and Director of Research Tim Evans researched examples of New Jersey towns that have achieved and maintained an above-average level of diversity over two decades to see what state and local leaders and policymakers might be able to learn from them to foster stable racial integration. Read more [here.](#)
- *Free Them All: The Double Crisis of Human Caging and Covid-19 in New Jersey and How To End It.* A new report by American Friends Service Committee finds that prisons, jails, and immigration detention centers in New Jersey are structurally incapable of providing for the well-being of imprisoned people, especially during a deadly pandemic. The report draws on testimonies of dozens of people who were incarcerated or detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement in New Jersey during the pandemic. Read more [here.](#)

### **Leadership and Organizational Announcements**

- Cecilia Zalkind, President and CEO of Advocates for Children of New Jersey, is retiring at the end of the year. We congratulate Ceil and thank her for her many years of leadership. Read more [here](#).
- Congratulations to Henal Patel for being promoted to Law and Policy Director at the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice!
- Congratulations to Professor Elise Boddie, founder of The Inclusion Project at Rutgers-Newark, for being appointed as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division at the U.S Department of Justice.

### **Events**

- September 29 – [Free Them All](#), American Friends Service Committee
- October 6 – [Post Carson v. Makin: What is next?](#), Education Law Center
- October 13 – [Annual Financial Justice Summit](#), NJ Citizen Action
- October 13/18 – [Reconnect Roadshow](#), NJ Center for Nonprofits
- October 21 – [Under One Roof 2022 Conference](#), Housing and Community Development Network of NJ
- November 10 – [Smart Growth Awards 2022](#), NJ Future

### **Job Announcements**

- ACLU-NJ – [Legal Department Manager](#), [Legal and Intake & Administrative Assistant](#), [Decarceration Attorney](#)
- New Jersey Institute for Social Justice – [Director, Democracy and Justice Program](#), [Associate Counsel](#), [Economic Justice](#),
- American Friends Service Committee – [Community Organizer](#)
- New Jersey Policy Perspective – [Policy Director](#)
- New Jersey Future – [Advocacy Campaign Manager](#)
- Ironbound Community Corporation – [Various Positions](#)
- The Schumann Fund for New Jersey – [Program Associate](#), [Office Manager](#)

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