

- On April 26 the [Imagine More: Racial Justice Begins With Us](#) series held its third event *Achieving Safe and Healthy Homes for All*. You can access relevant resources and watch the recording for the program [here](#) and [here](#). The next event will focus on *Reaching Equity in Education* on May 17. [Register Here](#).

Grantee News**Policy Victories:**

- On March 1, the Safe Passing Law went into effect, requiring drivers to use “due caution” whenever they see people on the road. The law states that when a pedestrian is in the road drivers must not pass, nor speed, and must move over a lane if there’s one to move into. On a single-lane road, drivers must allow at least a four-foot safety zone when they pass. Alternatively, drivers must slow to 25 mph and be prepared to stop until they can pass safely without endangering those sharing the road. Tri-State Transportation Campaign and partners led this policy victory. Read more [here](#).

Policy Reports:

- ACLU-NJ released its annual 2021 report, *A Vision of Justice*, highlighting the organization’s accomplishments, while centering the experiences and stories of partners and community members who have faced various inequities and been disenfranchised. Read more [here](#).
- *The Future is Electric*, a new report commissioned by New Jersey Conservation Foundation in partnership with Acadia Center confirms that electrifying the building sector is beneficial to all, making buildings healthier and safer while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The report finds that transitioning away from fossil fuels to electric is key to significantly reduce emissions from buildings, the second-largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the state. Read more [here](#).
- New Jersey Policy Perspective released a report *Breaking Down Murphy’s FY 2023 Budget Proposal*. The report analyzes the different spending priorities by category and explains the impact that the \$48.9 billion budget would have on the lives of New Jersey residents. Read more [here](#).
- *The Gap: A Shortage of Affordable Homes*, a new report released by the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) and the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey (the Network), finds a national shortage of nearly seven million affordable and available rental homes for extremely low-income (ELI) renter

households. According to *The Gap*, in NJ, only 31 affordable and available rental homes exist for every 100 extremely low-income renter households. The report shows how these lowest-income renters were uniquely positioned to suffer disproportionately from lost income and housing insecurity during the pandemic. Read more [here](#).

Leadership and Organizational Announcements

- Congratulations to Diana Mejia, Executive Director of Wind of the Spirit, for being awarded the Russ Berrie Making a Difference Award. The award is given to New Jersey residents whose outstanding acts of service and heroism have made a substantial impact on the lives of others. Congratulations, Diana! Read more [here](#).
- Congratulations to the ACLU-NJ for being recognized by the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section and awarded the Albert J. Krieger Champion of Liberty Award. Since 2020 alone, the ACLU-NJ has argued more than 40 criminal cases or cases addressing the rights of incarcerated people, people on parole or people interacting with police before the state's highest court. Read more [here](#).
- Ironbound Community Corporation announced Hazel Applewhite as interim Executive Director, with an anticipated path towards Executive Director. Hazel began her new role on April 25. We wish Hazel much success in her new role!

Events

- [Imagine more: Reaching Equity in Education – May 17](#)

Job Announcements

- [Lead Organizer, Senior Immigrant Attorney](#), Make the Road New Jersey
- [Bilingual Fair Housing Test Coordinator, Bilingual Community Educator, Bilingual Office Administrator, Organizer](#), NJ Citizen Action
- [Communications Manager, Program Manager, Policy and Program Coordinator](#), New Jersey Future
- [Program Manager, Donor Organizer Officer](#), Youth Engagement Fund
- [Executive Assistant](#), ACLU-NJ
- [Various Positions](#), Hyacinth
- [Various Positions](#), Ironbound Community Corporation

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