



**Welcome to CCLP's  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!**



## OUR MISSION

The Colorado Center on Law and Policy advances the health, economic security and well-being of low-income Coloradans through research, education, advocacy and litigation.



## Our History

For 20 years, Colorado Center on Law and Policy has improved the health and financial security of hundreds of thousands of Coloradans. We are widely recognized by policymakers, opinion leaders and advocates for our knowledge, skill and effectiveness in shaping enduring, systemic change in Colorado.



## Our History

Colorado's legal aid community created CCLP in 1998 so that people would continue to have access to justice after Congress imposed advocacy restrictions on federally funded legal services. We quickly emerged as a leader in increasing access to health care, family economic security, job training and other critical family needs and supports.

# CCLP Timeline



**1995** - Congress imposes restrictions on Legal Services Corp., which provides funding for civil legal aid for those who would otherwise be unable to afford it. The limitations meant that LSC-funded organizations could no longer serve as counsel in class-action lawsuits or challenge the way public benefits were administered.

# CCLP Timeline



**1996** -- As a result of the LSC limitations, Colorado Coalition of Legal Service Programs forms at Catholic Charities. The coalition represented the public interest in the conversion and sale of the nonprofit Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Colorado to the for-profit Anthem Inc., by ensuring that the assets of the nonprofit were valued fairly and allocated appropriately to serve the community's needs.

The conversion ultimately resulted in the creation of the Caring for Colorado Foundation in 1999.

# CCLP Timeline



1998 -- Colorado Coalition of Legal Service Programs is renamed Colorado Center on Law and Policy and incorporates as an independent organization.

Maureen Farrell-Stevenson is appointed as CCLP's first Executive Director, serving until 2009.



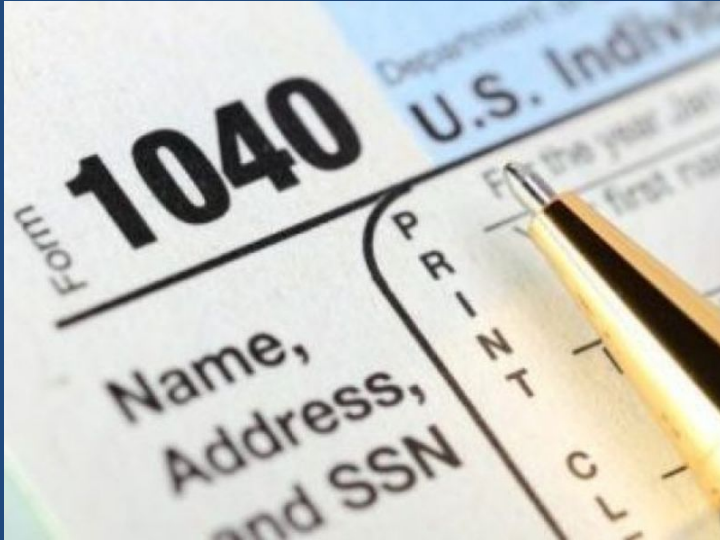
# CCLP Timeline



**1999** — CCLP establishes the Colorado Fiscal Project, an affiliate of the State Fiscal Analysis Initiative. The project would later become the Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute. COFPI conducted independent research and analysis of tax, budget and other fiscal policies that effect lower-income Coloradans.



# CCLP Timeline



**2000** – After passing legislation establishing the Earned Income Tax Credit in 1999, CCLP led the successful campaign to raise the EITC to 10% of the federal EITC for workers who are trying to support their families. The effort to make the EITC permanent took another 14 years to complete.

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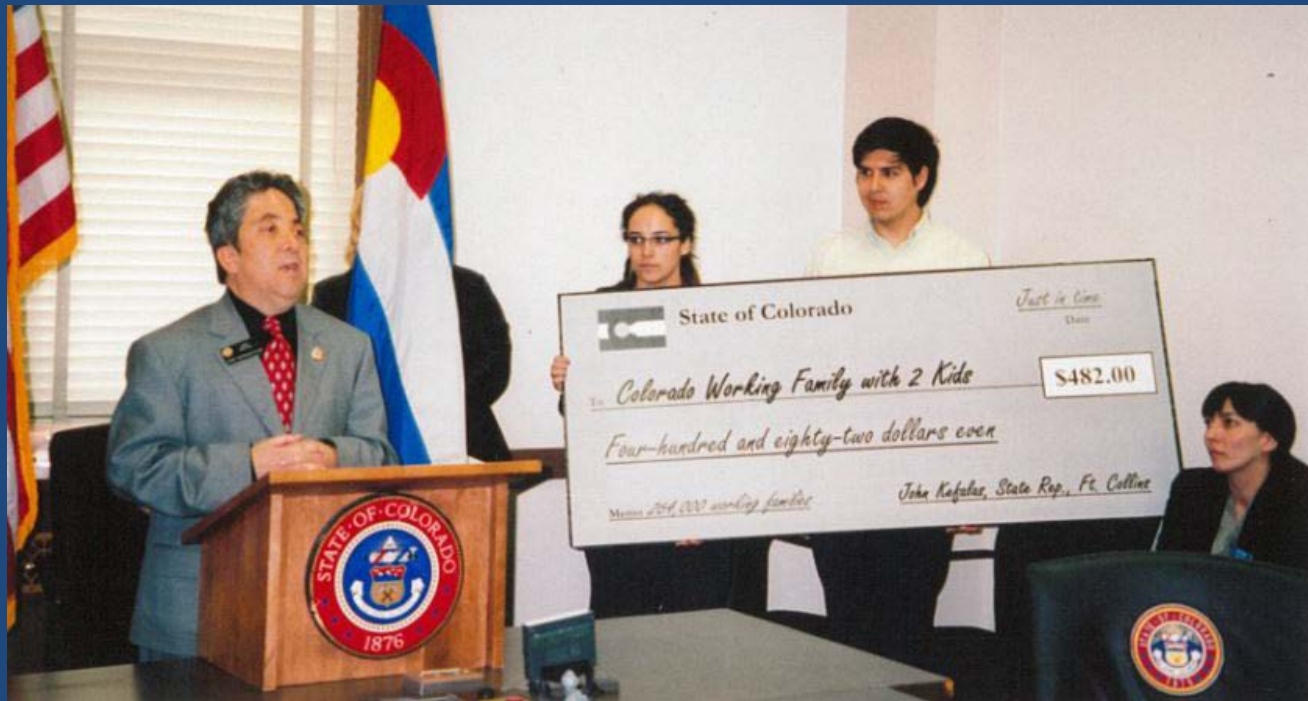
**2001** — CCLP played a major role in *Weston v. Cassata*, in which the court affirmed that participants in Colorado's Temporary Aid for Needy Families program have due process rights upon denials, terminations or changes in eligibility or benefits.

# CCLP Timeline



**2001** -- CCLP's first Self-Sufficiency Standard for Colorado is published.

**2002** -- The first edition of CCLP's State of Working Colorado is published.



# CCLP Timeline



**2003** -- CCLP spearheaded litigation that delayed implementation of a law that would have terminated Medicaid for lawfully present immigrants in Colorado. The delay provided time to secure funding to reinstate eligibility and none of those affected lost health care.

# CCLP Timeline



**2004** — CCLP sued the state when the new Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) consistently failed to make accurate determinations of eligibility for benefits – leaving tens of thousands of people without access to health care, medications, cash assistance and food. CCLP secured a settlement requiring the state to meet benchmarks for processing applications timely and accurately. The settlement held the state accountable until the benchmarks were met in 2017.

# CCLP Timeline



**2004** — CCLP challenged the sufficiency of the Colorado Health Foundation's distribution of assets as required by their tax status, resulting in an increase from \$5 million to more than \$100 million in annual giving by the Foundation, which continues to benefit the people served by nonprofit organizations in Colorado.

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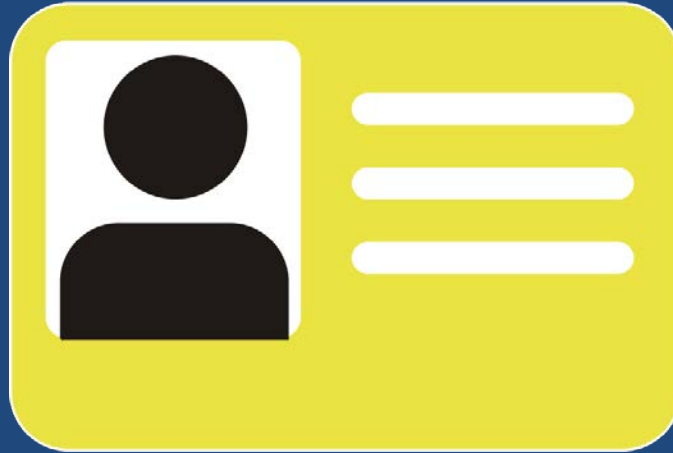
**2005** -- Referendum C passes.

Supported by CCLP, Referendum C permitted the state to retain the money it collected over its TABOR limit for five years and spend it on health care, public education, transportation projects, and local fire and police pensions.

Referendum C continues to benefit Coloradans.



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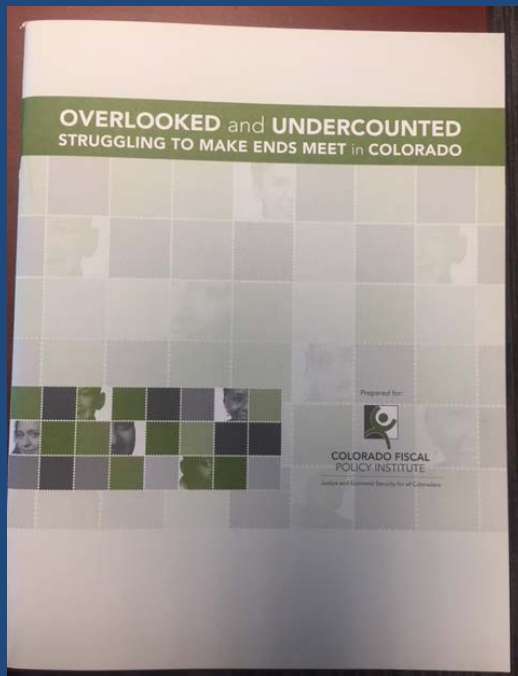
**2006** – CCLP collaborated with Colorado Lawyers Committee’s Homeless ID Task Force on a lawsuit that successfully challenged restrictive ID requirements that denied citizens vital services.

# CCLP Timeline



**2006** -- CCLP's Elisabeth Arenales is appointed to the 27-member Blue Ribbon Commission for Health Care Reform, created by Colorado legislators to study and establish health care reform models for expanding coverage, especially for underinsured and uninsured Coloradans.

# CCLP Timeline



**2007** -- CCLP publishes “Overlooked and Undercounted: Struggling to Make Ends Meet in Colorado.” The report illustrates how many families in Colorado are caught in a “policy gap” where they earned too much to qualify for governmental work support programs, but too little to support their families.

# CCLP Timeline



**2007** -- CCLP played a key role in passing legislation that provided Medicaid for young adults leaving the foster care system.

**2007** -- CCLP served as a stakeholder in the Food Stamp Challenge. The challenge encouraged legislators and public officials to experience living on a food stamp budget for a week.

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**2008** -- CCLP begins staffing and coordinating the Health Advocates Alliance, a coalition of consumer advocates and health care providers.

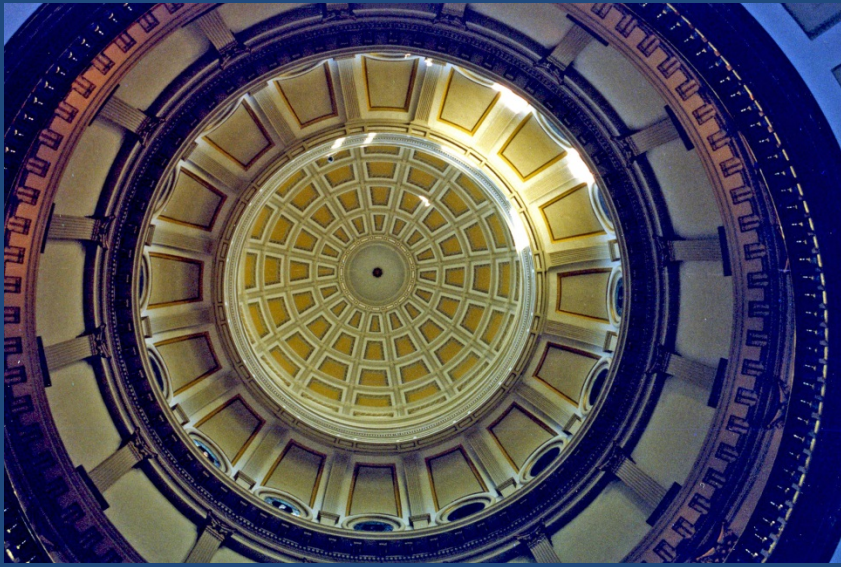
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**2009** – CCLP Board Chair T.A. Taylor-Hunt is appointed interim CCLP’s Executive Director.

**2009** -- CCLP supported creation of the Hospital Provider Fee (HB 1293), which supported expansion of Medicaid and helped hospitals offset the cost of providing uncompensated care.

# CCLP Timeline



**2009** — CCLP led efforts to reform unemployment insurance during the depths of the Great Recession by making it easier for the lowest-paid intermittent workers to claim unemployment subsidies.







# CCLP Timeline



**2010** -- Christy Murphy is appointed CCLP's Executive Director.

**2010** -- CCLP led the charge to eliminate a variety of outdated, unproductive or counter-productive special tax credits and tax exemptions. The advocacy campaign helped stabilize the state budget during the peak of the Great Recession and protected public benefit programs from more extreme cuts.







# CCLP Timeline



**2011** — CCLP helped craft legislation that established Colorado’s health-insurance exchange, Connect for Health Colorado. Since then, we have worked with the exchange to support eliminate barriers to federal tax credits and other financial assistance offered by the Affordable Care Act (ACA).







# CCLP Timeline



**2012** -- CCLP convenes Skills2Compete Colorado, a coalition that advocates for policies to reduce the skills gap and promote middle-skill jobs. The coalition was instrumental in the passage of the 2012 Skills for Jobs Act, a bill designed to align Colorado's education and training opportunities with well-paying jobs in high demand.

# CCLP Timeline

2012 - CCLP's Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute becomes Colorado Fiscal Institute.





# CCLP Timeline



**2013** – CCLP played a leading role in Colorado’s decision to expand Medicaid under the ACA. As a result, more than 250,000 additional Coloradans now have access to health care.

**2013** -- Claire Levy is appointed Executive Director.



# CCLP Timeline



**2014** -- CCLP led the push for SB 187, which created the Colorado Commission on Affordable Health Care. The commission, which included CCLP's Health Program Director Elisabeth Arenales, recommended solutions for mitigating drivers of health care costs in Colorado.

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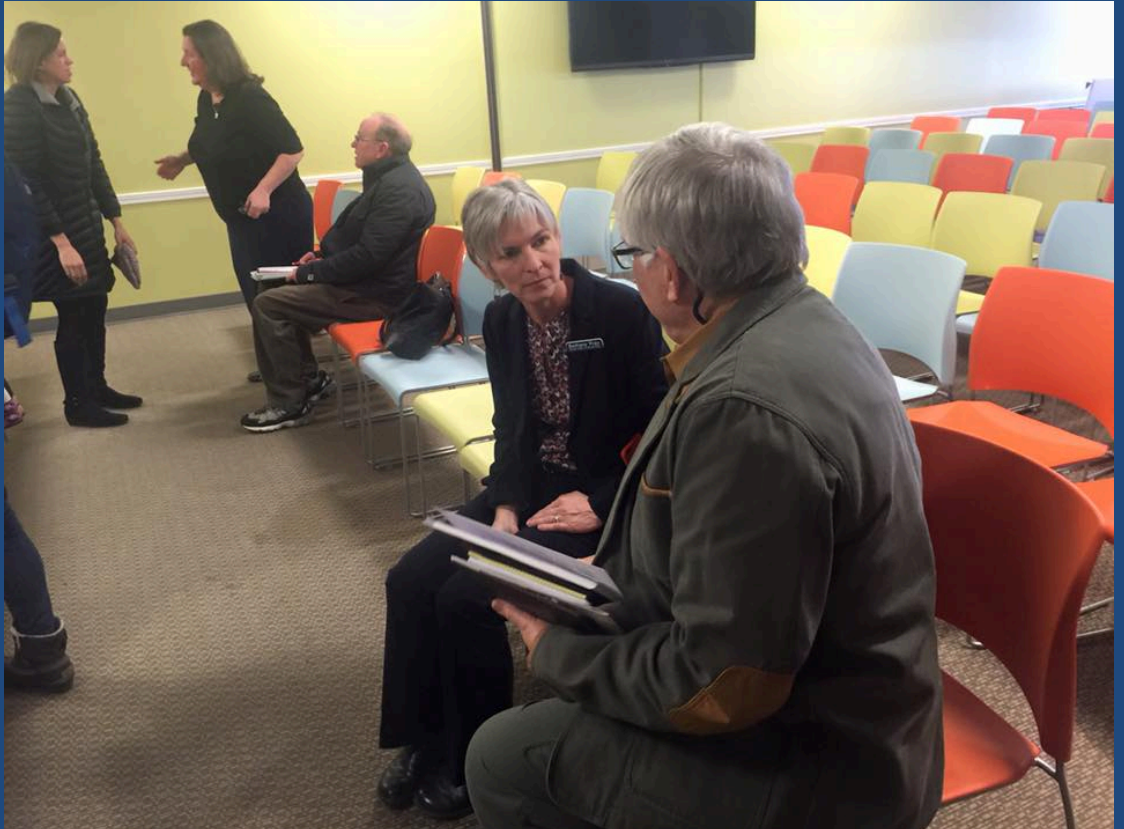
**2014** -- CCLP backs HB 1085, which for the first time provided state funding for adult basic education. HB 1085 also promotes partnerships between education providers and workforce development organizations.

# CCLP Timeline



**2014** -- CCLP created and helped pass a bill that allowed workers earning less than \$25,000 who pay child care expenses to receive a tax credit that was previously only available to higher-income parents. Since the passage of the bill, over 32,000 families per year claim the credit. The bill was recently extended for another three years, beginning in 2018, to help hard-working families afford child care.

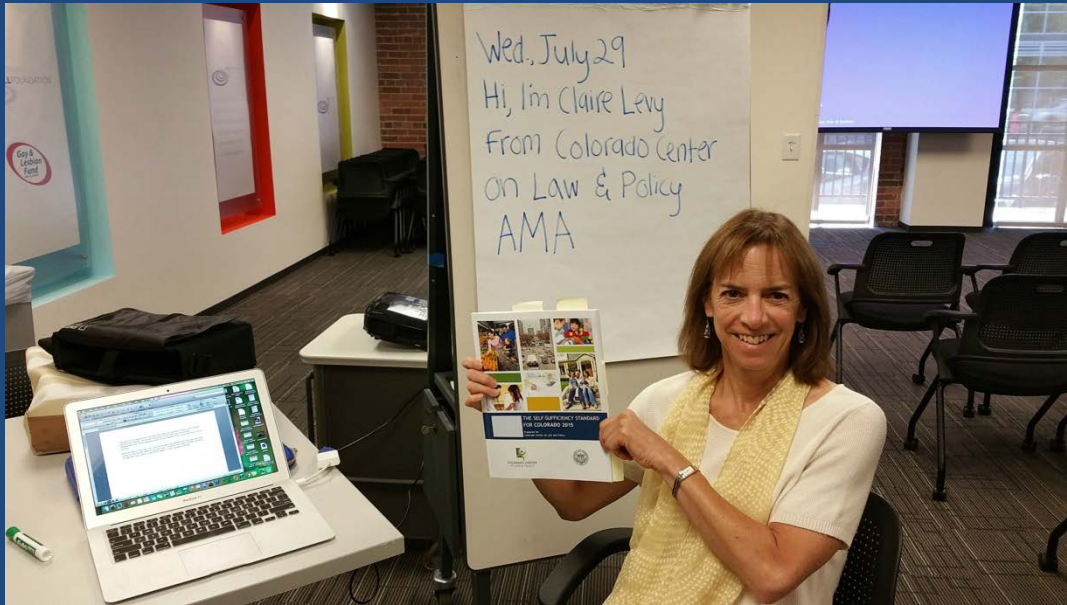




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**2015** -- CCLP developed pioneering legislation that would enable parents on TANF to receive child-support payments made by the non-custodial parent. With the passage of the bill, Colorado became the first state to allow parents on TANF to receive 100 percent of the child support from non-custodial parents.



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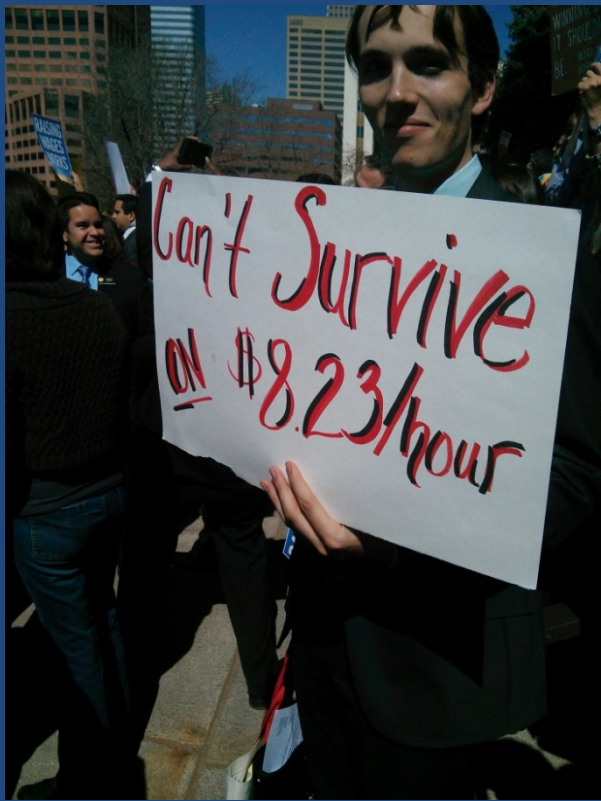
**2015** -- CCLP challenged the valuation and conditions proposed in the first conversion of a non-profit PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) provider when InnovAge moved to become a for-profit entity. As a result, InnovAge's assets were transferred to a new independent foundation that benefits vulnerable seniors, and the Colorado Attorney General established an ombudsman to oversee the interests of InnovAge clients.



# CCLP Timeline



**2016** -- CCLP played a major role in the campaign for a successful ballot initiative that will raise Colorado's minimum wage to \$12 an hour by 2020. As a result, Colorado's lowest-wage workers are getting a much-needed boost in income.



# CCLP Timeline



**2017** -- CCLP developed and helped pass a bill which increased the seven-day notice period for renters without a lease to 21 days — providing significantly more time for vulnerable residents to move or get assistance so they do not end up homeless or in a nursing home if they cannot afford the increase in rent.





# CCLP Timeline



**2017** -- CCLP worked with its partners to pass three bills to address shortcomings in client correspondence and notifications when Medicaid benefits and services are being reduced, terminated or suspended. Together, the bills will ensure Medicaid clients don't unnecessarily lose essential health care services.

# CCLP Timeline



**2018** -- CCLP led the effort to pass a bill that will require landlords to provide tenants with a copy of their lease, plus a receipt when the tenant pays rent by cash or money order. This measure ensures that tenants have the pertinent information about their lease obligations and can document their rent payments.



# CCLP Timeline



**2018** -- CCLP led the successful effort to pass SB 174, expanding the list of qualified mental health professionals who can verify eligibility for the Aid to Needy Disabled (AND) program for people with mental disorders.

# CCLP Timeline



**2018** -- Working with its partners, CCLP successfully stopped a bill that would have statutorily classified people who get work through an online app as independent contractors, thereby undermining job protections and social insurance coverage for many Coloradans.

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**2018** -- CCLP developed and secured passage of a bill that exempts the purchase of a new manufactured home from the state sales tax, making manufactured housing a more affordable option for homeownership.



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**20 Years!**  
*Forging Pathways from Poverty*

Thursday, June 7, 2018  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.



*2018 Pathways from Poverty*

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Breakfast

**Friday, September 28, 2018**



**Keynote address by Anne E. Price,**  
President of the Insight Center for Economic  
Development in Oakland, Calif.

**Honoring Champions of Economic Justice**  
Sen. Beth Martinez Humenik and Jonathan  
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