



For economic and racial justice



In Springfield, Big Wins in Health Care, Worker Protections,  
and Assistance for Low-Income People

The Shriver Center on Poverty Law's advocacy during the recent legislative session produced victories that will **improve the lives of people living in poverty and marginalized groups in Illinois**. Here's a snapshot of our accomplishments:

- **Health care**
    - A [state-based health care exchange](#) that expands access to affordable care and protects against any future federal cuts
    - State regulation of [excessive health insurance price hikes](#)
  - **Fair workplaces**
    - A [paid leave law](#) guaranteeing that employees can take off five days of work over a 12-month period for any reason
    - Starting in 2025, [salary transparency](#) in job postings for companies with 15 employees or more
  - **Income supports**
    - Assurance that any recipient of a [guaranteed income program](#) won't have other public benefits cut
    - A new requirement for the state to track and report allegations of [stolen SNAP benefits](#), formerly known as food stamps
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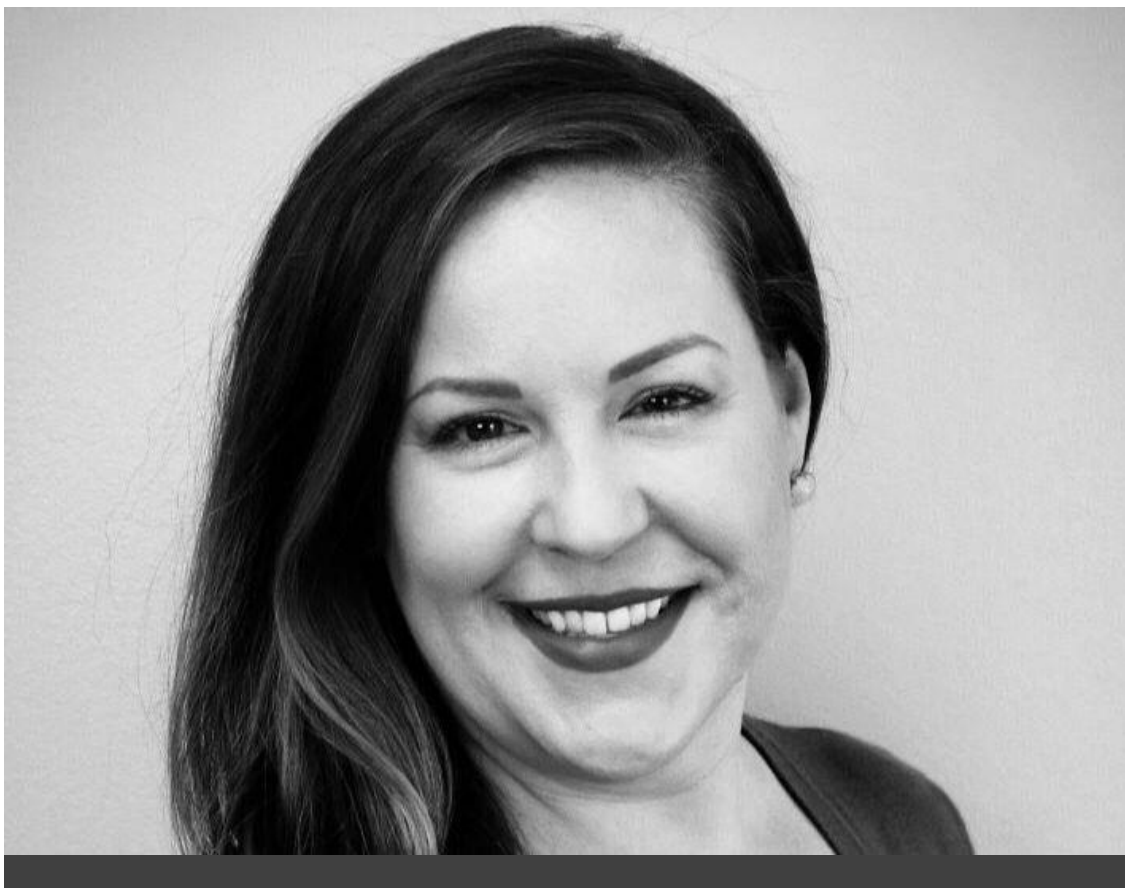


## Reflections on President & CEO Audra Wilson's Three Years of Leadership

[Audra Wilson](#) took over as president & CEO of the Shriver Center on Poverty Law three years ago this month. During her tenure, we've achieved [numerous victories](#) in the struggle for racial and economic justice. In Illinois, we led the fight for [paid leave](#) and advised Cook County on its [guaranteed income pilot](#). Our impact continues to grow with the expansion of our legal advocacy networks and training programs. "My vision is to take the strong programs we have, integrate them using our unique advocacy model, and broaden our national impact on racial and economic justice," Wilson said.

[Read Audra's blog](#)

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**Shriver Center Welcomes Erin Dowland Kabwe as Vice  
President of Development**

Erin Dowland Kabwe, a nonprofit executive and strategic leader with diverse experience in fundraising and innovative programming, has been named vice president of development at the Shriver Center on Poverty Law. Over a nearly 25-year career, Dowland Kabwe has raised more than \$200 million for mission-driven organizations, from grassroots to global. Former leadership roles include executive director for [Humboldt Park Health Foundation](#) and chief development officer at [The Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County](#) (CEDA). “Building a future free from racism and poverty is critically important,” Dowland Kabwe said. “I’m excited to work closely with the organization’s leaders and our generous community to direct the Shriver Center into its next chapter of philanthropy and fundraising priorities.”

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## Racial Justice Institute Marks 10 Years with a Celebration and Convening

The Racial Justice Institute celebrates its 10th anniversary next month! On July 13th and 14th, RJI network members and allies will gather in Chicago to commemorate the groundbreaking program, which centers race equity in anti-poverty legal advocacy.

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## Shriver Center Network Spotlight: Nebraska Appleseed

The Shriver Center convenes legal networks comprised of organizations from around the country that collaborate on racial and economic justice issues. Today we celebrate [Nebraska Appleseed](#), a member of the Shriver Center's Legal Impact Network. Due to Nebraska Appleseed's advocacy with partners, [10,000 Nebraskans will keep their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\) benefits](#) for another two years.

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## Upcoming Events

**July 11:** [Supervising for Quality & Impact](#)

**September 13-27:** [Foundations for Racial Justice: September 2023](#)

**September 28:** Save the date for the Shriver Center's annual gala. More information coming soon!

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## Shriver Center in the News

[Pritzker signs bills giving Illinois power over health insurance prices, Affordable Care Act exchange](#), Chicago Tribune, June 27

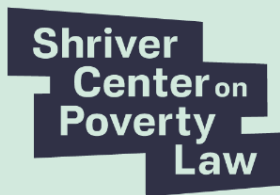
[Illinois law mandates paid leave for workers—that they can take for any reason,](#)

Prism, June 5

[Families USA, Shriver Center on Poverty Issue Report Entitled 'How Illinois Can Make Health Insurance More Affordable'](#), Insurance News Net, June 4

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