

Building on Impact

TO PROPEL CHANGE

For more than 20 years, DCFPI has worked with advocates and community leaders, providing critical research, analysis, and strategy to inform just policy solutions and rebuild inequitable systems. We work in partnership with organizations rooted in Black and brown communities to advance equitable policies and strong implementation, build collaborative, long-term campaigns for transformative change, and at times respond to crises. The strength of DCFPI's partnerships has allowed us to secure several collaborative wins over the years.

Here is a snapshot of our 22-year track record.

2005

Expanded the DC Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), making it the largest state-level EITC in the country at the time

2006

Created a new rental assistance program called the Local Rent Subsidy Program

2008–13

Secured paid sick leave for all workers

In 2013, secured an \$11.50 minimum wage with annual inflation adjustment

2018

Became the first jurisdiction in the nation to reverse its Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) time limit, protecting 10,000 children from deep poverty

Won the Birth-to-Three for All DC legislation as a leader in the Birth-to-Three DC coalition (now Under 3 DC coalition).

2020

Secured the largest increase in the school funding formula with targeted funds for Wards 7 and 8

2021

Advanced a modest tax increase on DC's wealthiest residents that raises over \$170 million annually to fund housing for 2,400 people and families who are experiencing homelessness, boosts the incomes of 40,000 working families through the DC EITC, and raises the salaries of early childhood educators

2022

Secured an expansion of the EITC to undocumented workers, which will benefit up to 5,100 households and nearly 5,800 children starting in tax year 2024

Secured Permanent Supportive Housing vouchers, which pair long-term rental assistance with individualized case management, to end chronic homelessness for 500 individuals and 260 families with Permanent Supportive Housing

Removed language in a medical cannabis bill that would have excluded those convicted of certain felony offenses within the previous three years from owning dispensaries and cultivation centers

This is only the beginning. These successes have built the foundation for more transformational change.

