

Selected Policy Development Projects

Housing Policy Analysis for People with Disabilities (2012-present)

Sponsor: Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities.

Project Description: As chair of the Housing Workgroup for the Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities, led a committee research, evaluation and policy development project on the housing situation for people with disabilities in Baltimore county. The project included analysis of all federal, state and local programs and systems to assist with housing for people with disabilities, analysis of county demographics, and development of a comprehensive report with policy recommendations called *Housing Availability and Support Systems for People with Disabilities in Baltimore County: Summary and Evaluation, Policy Analysis and Recommendations* by the Housing Work Group, Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities, Baltimore County, MD.

TANF Policy Statement Development American Anthropological Association (2002)

Sponsor. Committee on Public Policy of the American Anthropological Association (AAA).

Project Description. As a member of a workgroup of AAA members involved in poverty research, collected related research studies and developed a policy statement on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) welfare reform program reauthorization in 2002. The statement was endorsed as AAA's official position and employed since then during TANF reauthorization initiatives. See http://www.aaanet.org/committees/ppc/tanf_bkgd.htm.

Campaign for Self-Sufficiency (1992-1997)

Sponsor. Campaign for Self Sufficiency, a coalition of post-secondary education and training providers, adult basic education providers, community legal services, advocacy organizations, the Mayor's Commission on Literacy, and the Philadelphia Private Industry Council (PIC)

Project Description. Developed and coordinated coalition concerned with changing federal, Pennsylvania Commonwealth, and Philadelphia policy on post-secondary education for Jobs Training and Partnership Act (JTPA) and JOBS eligible recipients as well as health insurance and welfare reform. The coalition initially included direct service and advocacy organizations, and the Mayors Commission on Literacy. It was monitored and later joined by the Philadelphia PIC. Facilitated coalition discussions and activities. Developed and conducted research related to coalition issues. Developed hearing targeted at the regional Department of Public Welfare and PIC staff and held meetings with Commonwealth officials. Suggested and negotiated changes to Philadelphia PIC contracting policy and Pennsylvania's TANF plan. Wrote position papers and reports in collaboration with coalition members.

Changing Relations Act (1989 – 1990)

Sponsor. American Anthropological Association

Project Description. As an American Anthropological Association policy fellow, worked in the office of Senator Howard Metzenbaum, United States Senate. Developed legislation on intergroup relations based on findings from the *Changing Relations Project* (see entry under research projects above) and earlier model program legislation to address community conflicts. Wrote supporting documentation. Built coalitions in



support of proposed legislation. Tracked issues related to race relations and immigration.