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BLACK AND PUERTO RICAN CAUCUS LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Education & Career Advancement - The BPRC is committed to ensuring educational excellence in all communities across the state. This commitment applies to early childhood education, through the K-12 experience and into higher education.

Areas of focus

- Early Childhood Education and Programming
- K-12 Public Schools
- Youth Programming (Age 4 - 24)
- Secondary and Higher Education
- Job Training programs for youth (Age 18 - 24)
- Apprenticeship and Training Programs

Justice - The BPRC represents many people who are justice-impacted at an increased rate.

Areas of focus

- Criminal Justice
- Youth Justice
- Selection of Judges
- Environmental Justice
- Anti-Discrimination Practices overall
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Housing - The State of Connecticut is in a housing crisis, and there are factors from all sides.

Areas of focus

- Affordable Housing
- Renter's Rights
- Foreclosures on Elderly Residents
- Homeownership Programs
- Homelessness

Health and Human Services - Health and Human Services are at the root of everything in Black and brown communities, from literal physical and mental health to addiction services, to reproductive rights and maternal health.

Areas of Focus

- Public Health
- Mental Health (Children's mental health)
- Immigration supports & Reform.
- Addiction Services
- General Human Services

Economic Empowerment and Stability - Economic empowerment must be at the root of any movement towards equity. Investment in Black and brown communities and families as well as access to opportunities is paramount to ensuring a stronger state of Connecticut.

Areas of Focus

- Fiscal Guardrails
- Benefits Cliff
- Working Family Financial Health
- Tax Stability