

# State of Connecticut



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## LEGISLATIVE 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