



CLASP

The Center for Law and Social Policy

Impact Report
2024

The Path Forward

2024 By the Numbers

Our Partnerships

125 Requests for
Technical Assistance

106 Coalitions

75+ State
Partners Across All
50 States and D.C.



Our Reach

159 Policy Reports,
Issue Briefs, Infographics,
Blogs, and Sign-On Letters

60,503 Unique
Views or Downloads

117 Testimonies or
Briefings Provided to
Policymakers or Staff

644 Media Hits



2024 Highlights

25 Years Child Care & Early Education



CLASP celebrated [25 years of leadership in the child care and early education policy space](#), ensuring families with low incomes have access to quality care and supporting families' economic security and well-being. The Child Care and Early Education team has driven historic policy wins, from securing \$50 billion in relief during economic crises to supporting improvements in child care access to advancing racial equity.

"Your expertise and your knowledge have helped lend credibility and momentum to these fights and it is with your support that we've actually been able to deliver huge wins for working families."

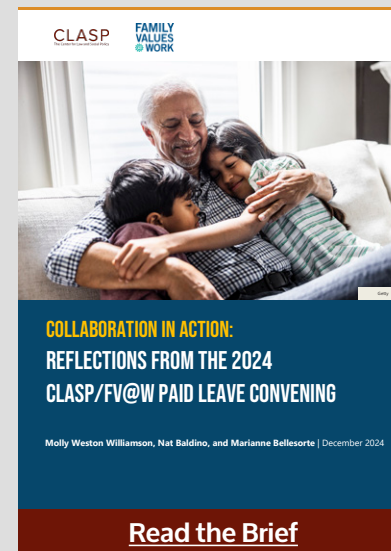
—Senator Elizabeth Warren, Massachusetts
from [Full Remarks for 25th Anniversary of CLASP Child Care Policy Team](#)



CLASP Fights for Paid Leave



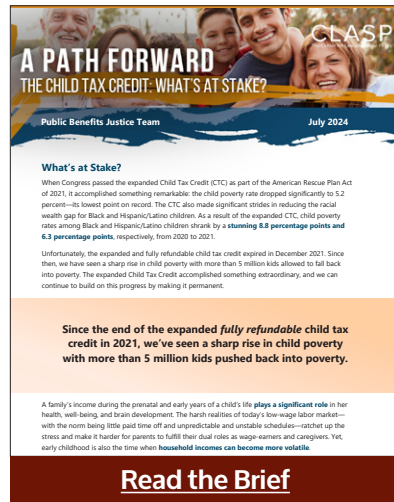
In June, CLASP and Family Values @ Work convened with over 100 paid leave advocates, state administrators, and policymakers from 18 states and D.C. for the **Paid Family and Medical Leave Collaborators Convening**. This gathering strengthened cross-state collaboration, reinforcing the momentum toward equitable, comprehensive paid leave for all.



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Cross-Team Collaboration

In July 2024, CLASP released “[A Path Forward](#),” a series examining the progress we’ve made in key policy areas in addition to the work that remains. The series offers a roadmap to continue the essential work that will ensure all families receive the access, support, and care they need and deserve, while laying out what is at stake if we lose ground on the progress already made.



CLASP’s Public Benefits Justice team published the brief “[The Child Tax Credit: What’s at Stake?](#)” showing how expanding the Child Tax Credit (CTC), as part of the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act, shrank child poverty rates among Black and Hispanic/Latino children by 8.8 and 6.3 percentage points, respectively, from 2020 to 2021. Yet ending the fully refundable CTC at the end of 2021 caused a sharp rise in child poverty with more than 5 million children pushed back into poverty.

Senior Policy Analyst, [Ashley Burnside](#), spoke to [NPR](#) in August about the importance of the CTC as both parties argued over this issue leading up to the presidential election.



Reflections on the 60th Anniversary of the War on Poverty



SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 | BLOG POST | EDDIE MARTIN, JR.

Reflections on President Johnson’s War on Poverty in Light of the Recent Census Bureau Report

We must dismantle structural inequities that perpetuate racial and economic disparities. Dive deeper in this new blog.

In recognition of the 60th Anniversary of the War on Poverty, [Eddie Martin, Jr.](#), CLASP’s Deputy Executive Director for Racial Equity, [published a blog](#) sharing his reflections on how far we’ve come and how far we still have to go since 1964 in addressing the systemic causes of poverty.

“CLASP is committed to a racial equity agenda that strengthens equitable public investments, promotes economic opportunities and security for all, protects civil rights, addresses explicitly the challenges of immigrants and their families, and honors the voices of communities of color.”



– Eddie Martin, Jr., Deputy Executive Director, Racial Equity

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Supporting Mental Wellness in Immigrant Communities

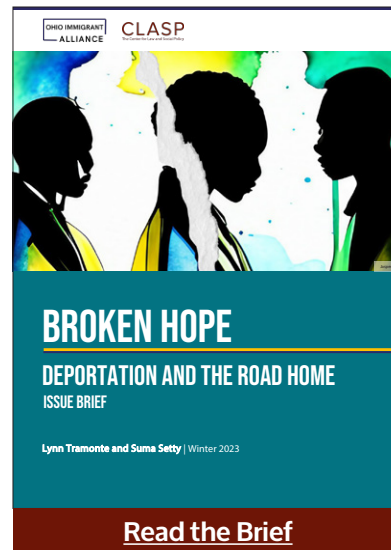
NATIONAL IMMIGRANT INCLUSION CONFERENCE

Isha Weerasinghe, Associate Director for Mental Health and Well-being, moderated a panel at the **2024 National Immigrant Inclusion Conference**, focusing on immigrant mental health. We strengthened our partnerships and brought more focus to the intersection between immigration and mental health.



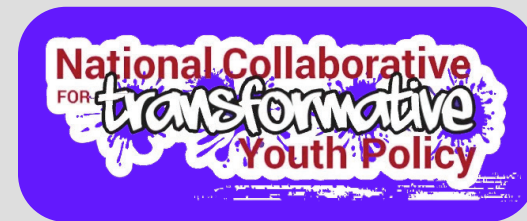
BROKEN HOPE

In December 2023, Suma Setty and the Ohio Immigrant Alliance (OHIA) partnered to release the book **Broken Hope: Deportation's Harms and The Road Home**. This book and subsequent issue brief compiled stories from over 250 people who were deported, the majority of whom are of African origin. The book and brief highlight the crushing consequences of deportation and the connection between immigrant mental health and the current U.S. immigration system. In 2024, CLASP and OHIA organized a Hill Day, supporting people directly harmed by our racist and unjust immigration system to distribute Broken Hope and speak directly to policymakers about their experiences.



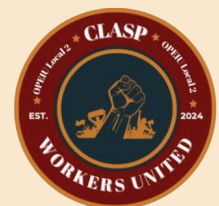
CLASP's Youth Work Takes Off!

Building on two decades of youth policy work, CLASP proudly supported the launch of the **National Collaborative for Transformative Youth Policy** (TYP Collaborative), an independent nonprofit founded by CLASP's former Youth Policy team. TYP Collaborative is dedicated to advancing transformative policy and systems change by building power with young people and their communities. Learn more at www.typcollaborative.org.



Putting Our Values into Practice

CLASP reaffirmed its commitment to workers' rights by voluntarily recognizing **CLASP Workers United**, an **OPEIU Local 2** affiliated union. This milestone reflects CLASP's mission to advance economic security and equity, not just in policy but in practice.



"Our membership at CLASP are advocates of change. Organizing was a natural way for them to utilize a collective voice in the workplace."

—Linda Bridges, President, OPEIU, Local 2

THANK YOU

Thank you to our philanthropy partners and individual donors, without whom our work wouldn't be possible. Together we fight back and demand social and economic security for all.



CLASP and Alumni celebrating the 25th anniversary of our child care and early education team.

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Our Mission

The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) is a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization advancing anti-poverty policy solutions that disrupt structural, systemic racism and remove barriers blocking people from economic justice and opportunity.

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