

Annual Report 2017-2018

PRRAC supports civil rights research and advocacy on behalf of low-income families, bringing a sharper focus on structural racial inequality to government policy deliberations in the areas of housing, education, and health/environmental justice. We also connect advocates with social scientists working on race and poverty issues, provide technical assistance and coalition support to local advocates, and promote a research-based advocacy strategy on structural inequality issues.

We are currently fighting hard to defend our country's current civil rights policies, but we are also committed to advancing a long-term, progressive vision of greater social equity and racial justice. This commitment shows in the range of activities which we have conducted over the past year: generating ideas and research to support structural-level change, cultivating communities of practice, and working with local partners to foster strong models and networks.

Our activities have focused on three substantive areas: education (primarily in coordinating the National Coalition on School Diversity, now a thriving national network of over fifty groups), housing (as a mechanism to address structural barriers to improved life outcomes for children and families), and health/environmental justice (supporting and documenting local advocacy strategies and developing policy solutions). Our organization has a unique focus on developing the intersections between these areas, and on interventions that seek to overcome the cycles of concentrated poverty and government-created segregation

Some of our major activities and accomplishments during the past year are summarized below.

A. HOUSING AS ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY: ADDRESSING STRUCTURAL BARRIERS

Throughout 2017-18, PRRAC worked closely with allies in the civil rights community and provided leadership in challenging efforts by the Administration to roll back policies and regulations. We expanded our communications initiatives, both in our federal watchdog function and in lifting up community voices. And we continued to support the production of important civil rights research that directly informs current and future advocacy.

While we continue to maintain a strong focus on the impacts of federal policies, we have significantly expanded our state and local work in order to provide direct support to communities, and to seed and document strong models. A critical component in each of our projects and programs is the education and empowerment of local stakeholders and community

organizations. We seek to respond flexibly to local needs, and to build lasting capacity to enable them to be active participants in addressing discrimination and segregation and achieving equity in their communities. Increasing, we aim to act as a hub for the building and sharing of innovative civil rights strategies. (For instance, in the past 12 months, we organized two major conferences; producing reports, videos, and articles; and facilitating a series of convenings, trainings, and outreach meetings.) We are continuing to build a community of practice that advances civil rights on the ground and makes a proven difference in the lives of low-income families.

National advocacy leadership, coalition work & challenges to civil rights rollbacks: Our national work included helping to develop and participating as co-counsel in two important litigation efforts to preserve key civil rights regulations issued by the Obama Administration, as well as ongoing regulatory advocacy, communications and outreach work, and research production. Highlights include:

Open Communities Alliance, et al. v. Carson: In August 2017, the Trump administration sought to suspend for two years the mandatory application of “Small Area Fair Market Rents” in 23 metropolitan areas characterized by high levels of concentration of Housing Choice Vouchers. The Small Area FMR rule was a major Obama administration civil rights reform that PRRAC had contributed extensive advocacy effort to crafting. The new rent structures were intended to open up more housing opportunities for over 200,000 voucher families outside of high-poverty, segregated neighborhoods. Soon after the suspension was announced, we helped to pull together the legal team (including the NAACP LDF, Relman Dane & Colfax, the Lawyers’ Committee, and Public Citizen), identified three plaintiffs, and recruited and worked with the expert witnesses supporting the plaintiffs’ claims. Our litigation was successful, and the rule is now being implemented.

PRRAC is now working with the National Housing Law Project and with researchers from the University at Buffalo to support local advocates, develop best practices, and monitor how PHAs are implementing the rule.

National Fair Housing Alliance, et al. v. Carson and AFFH advocacy¹: PRRAC and our co-counsel from the Open Communities Alliance case (as well as the ACLU) filed suit on behalf of three groups - the National Fair Housing Alliance, Texas Appleseed, and Texas Housers - to challenge HUD’s January 2018 suspension of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule.

At the same time that the litigation is pending, we are responding to emerging threats to the AFFH rule on other fronts – including proposed revisions to the rule, and proposed changes to the AFFH reporting forms. We formulated comments and disseminating talking points for a wide range of coalitional partners and other civil rights groups to use in urging HUD to preserve the important features of the process, presented at a number of coalition meetings and calls following the suspension, and advised a broad group of fair and affordable housing advocates on commenting strategies for the notice that would be consistent with potential litigation. We have continued to serve as one of the primary

¹ Case background, court papers, and witness affidavits available here: <https://prrac.org/national-fair-housing-alliance-et-al-v-carson-2018/>.

national civil rights groups working on coordinated public education and advocacy for a robust AFFH rollout. Despite the suspension, localities are still subject to the AFFH legal obligation and must still engage in a prior, less effective fair housing planning process – so local advocacy is needed more than ever to ensure that cities, counties and PHAs fulfill this duty in the absence of HUD oversight.

In addition to our work around the litigation, we produced a significant array of national policy and research products to track the impacts of current and proposed federal programs and regulations, as well as to promote progressive state and local policy reform. We also hosted a number of convenings and events.² A key emphasis of these activities over the past year has been the intersections between housing, education, and health/environmental justice, as well as the structural mechanisms that reinforce intergenerational poverty through policy design. In addition, we worked closely with partners to develop and share resources on innovative civil rights strategies, as well as to defend policies that advance opportunity. A full list of our publications and events is included below.

State/local engagement and technical assistance: We helped a range of communities in their affirmatively furthering fair housing efforts —engaging with local policymakers, advocates, and researchers, and emphasizing the opportunities to connect housing with related areas of importance, in particular education and health. Our activities included policy development/planning, outreach and public education, and building capacity around the Assessment of Fair Housing process. This newfound capacity and knowledge will serve as lasting tools for those communities, as well as others that can learn from them. Similarly, our housing mobility work has successfully built internal capacity for a number of public housing authorities, and has expanded public understanding of the deep impacts that these policies have on health and learning outcomes. We are building on these individual successes to foster a community of practice that will inform advocacy and policy change in additional places.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing: PRRAC’s work in Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) focuses on building capacity for community stakeholders, so that they are equipped in lasting ways to shape planning and decision-making within their communities. This work includes ongoing advocacy advice and technical assistance to local partners in a number of locations, where we responded flexibly to the needs we meet on the ground. We also built relationships and knowledge around fair housing and emphasized its connections to education and health, as well as the structural barriers to racial equity for those communities. Locations included New Mexico, Mississippi (Hattiesburg), Selma, Boston, New York, Buffalo, Kalamazoo, Contra Costa County in the East Bay in California, and Richmond, VA. We also advised local groups on how to advocate with their jurisdictions for robust fair housing plans even in the face of the federal Administration’s suspension of the AFFH rule.

Housing Mobility: PRRAC leads a multi-organization technical assistance group, “Mobility Works,” which is dedicated to assisting public housing agencies and nonprofits in highly-segregated metropolitan areas develop housing mobility programs to enable low-income families to take advantage of their rights to move to lower-poverty, high-opportunity neighborhoods where they can access quality schools and healthy neighborhoods. In each city we work in, we emphasize the importance of recruiting families with young children living in high-poverty neighborhoods – because the research shows that children who move to low-poverty

² Event photo galleries available at: <https://prrac.org/category/content-type/prrac-in-photos/>.

communities (and early education opportunities) at a young age make the greatest long term gains socially, academically, and in terms of adult economic attainment. Our partners in this technical assistance consortium include the Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership, the Inclusive Communities Project (Dallas), Housing Choice Partners (Chicago) and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Over the past year, we have provided technical assistance and/or training in St. Louis, Milwaukee, Buffalo, Hartford, Richmond, Westchester County, Cleveland, Charlotte, Seattle, Springfield, and Asheville to aid them in understanding, designing, and implementing housing mobility programs.

B. HEALTH/ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: BUILDING CONNECTIONS & SUPPORTING A MOVEMENT

PRRAC has significantly expanded its work portfolio on health and environmental justice. This year, we continued our active participation in the Environmental Justice/Title VI Alliance coalition (and now help support the coalition's staffing), while expanding our footprint by producing policy resources, thought pieces, and case studies.³

In October 2017, we released a policy brief, "Equity Considerations in Climate Adaption Plans: A Call for Advocacy." The brief opens with a description of the breathtaking scope of the Trump Administration's dismantling of our federal climate change preparedness infrastructure, and goes on to describe hopeful progress at the state and local level, and a set of best practices for advocates and policymakers to embed equity principles into local climate change adaptation plans to protect the most vulnerable families from the inevitable changes to come. We also produced an article, "Fair Housing and Environmental Justice: New Strategies and Challenges" in the *ABA Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law*, arguing that strong new policies are needed to remedy the exposure of low-income households, in particular those in subsidized housing, to environmental health threats, and for the use of HUD's funding and regulatory power to do so in the future. A second piece, "An Evolving Fair Housing Movement: Forging New Partnerships and Agendas Across Policy Areas," in a special Fair Housing Act anniversary issue of the *Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law*, expanded on the theme of developing fair housing advocacy that intersects with environmental justice work (as well as with education). In July 2018, we released a research guide providing a roadmap of scholarly research, legal analysis, and factual investigation that develops the connection between residential segregation and environmental racism, links this to current shortcomings in protection, and sets forth an affirmative vision for strong environmental justice policy.

We also collaborated in drafting comprehensive comments, developed by a coalition of environmental health advocates, to the President's Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children on "Drafting a New Federal Strategy to Reduce Childhood Lead Exposures and Impacts." And in the fall of 2017, PRRAC joined the Yale Law School Environmental Justice Clinic and other advocates in a letter to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights regarding the EPA's Title VI enforcement. We also delivered a presentation on strategies to address lead exposure at the annual Housing Justice Network conference.

³ Environmental justice briefs, publications, and advocacy letters available at <https://prrac.org/environmental-justice/transportation-environmental-justice/>.

We compiled and issued a collection of advocacy stories and recommendations by partner groups engaged in health justice work, with nine chapters addressing a range of topics. Our forthcoming environmental justice projects (for fall publication) include case studies of Baltimore (including interviews with community members); Washington, DC; Albuquerque, New Mexico (in partnership with the New Mexico Environmental Law Center); and a podcast project conducted in collaboration with the American Public Health Association. We are in the process of adding a compilation of civil rights enforcement materials to our website, which will serve as a public resource for a variety of research and advocacy needs.

Finally, we are engaging in community-based environmental justice legal advocacy in New Mexico, Michigan, Alabama, and Beaumont, Texas, and in fall 2018, we began supporting the facilitation of an ongoing environmental justice/civil rights advocates' listserv, which comprises a number of grassroots groups, legal advocates, and academics.

C. EDUCATION

Linking education and housing policy: PRRAC has been at the forefront of connecting housing and education policy as part of a growing movement to bridge the silos that artificially divide related fields. Our work has included advocacy and consultations for several communities seeking to become leaders in forging these policy connections, as well as production of research and other publications to widely encourage such innovations. We issued several field reports and research reports in this area, facilitated a meeting of PRRAC's Social Science Advisory Board addressing the housing/schools connection, and organized a roundtable on housing and school integration in Baltimore. We also met with the NY State Departments of Housing and Education to explore ways that they might work together on statewide policy initiatives and in local projects, including the ongoing debate over the fate of an old interstate highway in Syracuse and the school and neighborhood that abut the highway. We also met at the Maryland ACLU with leaders of a local elementary school to formulate a plan to incorporate proposals for reducing the concentration of poverty in the school as part of the Choice Neighborhoods proposal. Reports and articles we produced in this area are included in our attached list of events and publications.

Staffing and managing the National Coalition on School Diversity (NCSD): PRRAC's work on education equity is primarily done with and through the National Coalition on School Diversity (www.school-diversity.org), which we staff and manage. Since 2009, NCSD has been working to expand support for government policies that promote racial and economic integration in elementary and secondary schools. Our current membership is 53 organizations. During the Obama administration, we advanced key guidance on K-12 integration, funding priorities for integration in early education and in charter programs, and new performance standards for the Head Start program that recognize the benefits of racial and economic integration for young children,⁴ and includes performance standards to advance integration in early education.⁵

⁴ See, e.g., the PRRAC/Century Foundation 2015 report, *A Better Start: Why Classroom Diversity Matters in Early Education*, https://prrac.org/pdf/A_Better_Start.pdf.

⁵ For a complete summary of NCSD's policy progress during the period 2009-2016, see *Federal Support for School Integration: An Obama Administration Review* (NCSD, January 2017), school-diversity.org/pdf/DiversityIssueBriefNo8.pdf.

This has been a pivotal year for NCSd, with the release of our first-ever strategic plan⁶ in August 2018, the culmination of a year-long process facilitated by Melissa Hewitt of Forward Movement Consulting. The following highlights are organized around four key goals in the strategic plan:

a) NCSd serves as the central convener of the school integration field:

Approximately 325 people attended our 2017 national conference, “*A Struggle We Must Win: Advancing School Integration Through Activism, Youth Voice, and Policy Reform*,” held October 19-20, 2017 at NYU and Columbia Teachers College. The two-day event featured school tours, peer-to-peer consultancies, an opening reception featuring a student performance of “Laundry City” by EPIC Theatre Ensemble, and a full day of panel discussions, interactive learning sessions, and networking. Over 30 organizations contributed to the conference, including major sponsorships from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Ford Foundation.

b) NCSd connects constituents through learning exchanges, information sharing, and peer networks: *Learning exchanges:* We have held two virtual learning exchanges for youth organizing groups (9/18 and 9/25), in partnership with IntegrateNYC (NY) and Building Bridges (CO).⁷ We also organized a peer learning exchange for administrators of three interdistrict integration programs (METCO, Open Choice, and Urban/Suburban), with another one planned 11/7. *Participatory Workshop:* Gina Chirichigno, Tyler Barbarin, and Matt Gonzales led “Designing an Alumni Engagement Strategy for Magnet Schools” at the Magnet Schools of America Conference on April 28 in Chicago.

c) NCSd elevates a critical research agenda that is directly linked to work on the ground: We issued three research briefs over the past year, including “*How to Support the Social-Emotional Well-Being of Students of Color*,” by Carole Learned-Miller, which looks at how administrators and teachers in interdistrict integration programs have succeeded in making their schools more welcoming and inclusive environments; “*Re-Weaving the Social Fabric through Integrated Classrooms: How Intergroup Contact Prepares Youth to Thrive in a Multiracial Society*,” by Linda Tropp and Suchitra Saxena, which summarizes powerful ongoing research on the ways in which school integration contributes to reduced levels of prejudice and stereotyping, greater racial tolerance, and a stronger democracy (as part of the rollout/dissemination for this brief, we held a Twitter Town Hall on May 17); and “*Is There Systematic Meaningful Evidence of School Poverty Thresholds?*” by Roslyn Mickelson, which examines the question of whether there is a research-based tipping point for school poverty levels that would be helpful to guide policymakers. For this brief, we held a 3-day social media marketing campaign geared towards academic researchers, and the National Education Policy Center circulated a summary of this article in their newsletter.⁸ Current NCSd Research Advisory Panel (RAP) members are listed at <http://school-diversity.org/rap-members>. We have also created an

⁶ The plan is posted at <http://school-diversity.org/ncsd-strategic-plan-2018-2012/>.

⁷ <http://school-diversity.org/youth-organization-exchange/>.

⁸ <http://www.icontact-archive.com/cygVNOqY6pi4994qjjAO6PkDsuwTAk8c?w=4>

outreach database of several hundred scholars, divided by region, who've published research articles about integration over the last five years.

- d) Supports the field in monitoring and highlighting state and local integration efforts through a regional outreach strategy:** We have been working in partnership with the National Educational Association to create materials to help school districts and grassroots advocates promote school integration through the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). We recruited former Department of Education senior staff Tanya Clay House to assist with this project. A resulting guide, “*Key Opportunities for Utilizing Racial and Socioeconomic Diversity in ESSA District Plans,*” will be released in January 2019. We have identified a handful of regions where we intend to explore the viability of including school diversity in district-level ESSA plans, and we have been conducting outreach meetings for several months, including: ten meetings in Denver (where we are co-planning a funder’s briefing with Susan Eaton from the Sillerman Center); eleven meetings in New Orleans; and seven in North Carolina. Other locally-focused highlights included meetings in New York City, where PRRAC staff met regularly with the NYC school diversity coalition and with a new roundtable of housing and education advocates organized by the Fair Housing Justice Center. We also worked with the Alliance for School Integration and Desegregation (ASID) policy team to craft a suggested city-wide diversity plan for consideration by the NYC Department of Education and joined a meeting organized by IntegrateNYC of 40 high school students from around the city to discuss the benefits of integrated classrooms and schools. In Hartford, we helped to guide the Sheff Movement coalition (Hartford, CT) through a successful strategic planning and board transition process to ensure that the coalition could begin functioning independently of PRRAC starting in January 2018. Later in the spring, we brought Matt Gonzalez (NY Appleseed) to speak to the Sheff Movement Coalition about school integration organizing in New York. We will soon also be issuing a forthcoming report (Nov 2018): *The State of Integration in 2018*.

The National Coalition on School Diversity also engages in active legislative advocacy, and this year we recruited bipartisan support for the successful removal of two vestigial “anti-busing” riders that have prohibited the use of federal funds for transportation to support school integration for over 40 years. We are also supporting the reintroduction of the “Strength in Diversity Act,” which would support local school integration planning efforts through a new competitive grants program.

PRRAC Reports and Convenings (Summer 2017—Fall 2018)

DATE	ITEM	TITLE	SUMMARY
July-September 2017	PRRAC Quarterly Publication	Poverty and Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Economic Fair Housing Act (Richard D. Kahlenberg) • Stewards of Tolerance (John King) • A Reply to Kahlenberg (Sheryll Cashin) • Mass Incarceration and Child Trauma (Mary Kelly Persyn)
October 2017	PRRAC Publication	Equity Considerations in Climate Adaptation Plans: A Call for Advocacy	A survey of state and local climate adaptation plan language.
October 2017	NCSD Publication	Can Socioeconomic Diversity Plans Produce Racial Diversity in K-12 Schools?	A survey of existing research indicates that both policy design and local context matter when it comes to whether or not socioeconomic status (SES) diversity plans will produce racial diversity
October 2017	NCSD Convening	NCSD 2017 Conference: A Struggle We Must Win (NYC)	NCSD's biennial national conference held in New York City.
November 2017	PRRAC Publication	Disrupting the Reciprocal Relationship between Housing and School Segregation	Housing and school policies continue to follow separate trajectories, with little coordination. Supporters of coordinated housing and school integration policy will need to focus on state and local advocacy and innovation for the foreseeable future.
November 2017	NCSD Advocacy Letter	Letter to Senate Regarding FY2018 Senate Appropriations Bill	NCSD, along with other organizations, advocates for the Senate to strike outdated language from the FY2018 appropriations legislation that prohibits federal funding to be used for transportation and other purposes to further public school racial integration.
November 2017	NCSD Advocacy Letter	Letter to Department of Education Urging Reinstatement of Priorities for Promoting School Diversity	NCSD advocates against proposed elimination of supplemental priorities related to the promotion of racial and socioeconomic diversity in our nation's public schools.
October-December 2017	PRRAC Quarterly Publication	Poverty and Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combating State Preemption Without Falling Into the Local Control Trap (Thomas Silverstein)

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snatching Defeat from the Jaws of Victory: HUD Suspends AFFH Rule that was Delivering Meaningful Civil Rights Progress (Justin Steil and Nicholas Kelly) • INTERVIEW: The Cycle of Segregation (Maria Krysan, Kyle Crowder, Tyler Barbarin, and Megan Haberle) • The Constitutional Right to Education is Long Overdue (Derek Black) • After the Superstorm (David Rammler)
December 2017	PRRAC Advocacy Letter	Docket No. FR 6004-N-06: “60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Public Housing Agencies Service Areas Solicitation of Comments”	A letter encouraging HUD’s proposed information collection and urging HUD to collect this information as expeditiously as possible.
January 2018	PRRAC Publication	Fair Housing and Environmental Justice: New Strategies and Challenges	This publication outlines the need to both cultivate progressive policies at the state and local levels and continue vigilant advocacy on the federal stage with HUD and EPA. These agencies both need to more proactively engage in, and be held accountable for, policies that promote health for low-income households.
January 2018	PRRAC Advocacy Letter	Docket No. FR–6070–N–01: “Notice for Suspension of Small Area Fair Market Rent (Small Area FMR) Designations,” 82 Fed. Reg. 58439 (December 12, 2017)	A letter with comments regarding HUD’s suspension of the Small Area Fair Market Rule.
January-March 2018	PRRAC Quarterly Publication	Poverty and Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections on Kerner at 50: Introduction (Stephen Menendian & Richard Rothstein) • A Matter of Democratic Survival (Sherrilyn Ifill) • Honoring the Promise (Shaun Donovan)

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting It So Wrong, Making it Right (Sandra Susan Smith) • Treating Racism as a Public Health Issue (Narintohn Luangrath & Dr. Leana S. Wen) • Incentivize the Transformation (John Charles Boger) • Neighborhood Racial Inequality in American Society (Robert J. Sampson) • Kerner: A Personal History (Fred Harris) • History, Origin, and Legacy of the Kerner Commission (John Koskinen)
March 2018	PRRAC Convening	Fair Housing Intersections (DC)	PRRAC hosted a symposium exploring the connections between housing policy, transportation, environmental justice, and education. The panel was moderated by Dennis Parker, PRRAC Board Member and Director of the ACLU’s Racial Justice Project, and featured Anthony Foxx, previous U.S. Secretary of Transportation; John King, previous U.S. Secretary of Education; environmental justice leader Vernice Miller-Travis; and Demetria McCain, President of Inclusive Community Project (Dallas) and PRRAC Board Member.
March 2018	PRRAC Convening	PRRAC Social Sciences Advisory Board Roundtable (NYC)	
April 2018	PRRAC Convening	"It's Time to Listen" Documentary and panel discussion (Hattiesburg, MS)	PRRAC went to Hattiesburg, Mississippi to premiere “It’s Time to Listen,” a documentary short. The piece traces the history of school segregation and resegregation in Hattiesburg, one of PRRAC’s Truth, Reconciliation, and Racial Healing partner locations. Immediately following the film premiere, there was a panel discussion on the current state of school segregation.

April 2018	PRRAC- NCSD Convening	Infographics for Social Change with Jennifer Bellamy (DC)	A convening to discuss the importance of and best practices around creating infographics to promote social change.
April 2018	PRRAC Convening	Civil Rights Intersections: Celebrating 50 Years of the Fair Housing Act (Selma, MS)	A symposium about the intersection of economic justice and racial segregation in Selma and the rest of the country, which included noted civil rights activists Bruce Boynton and Betty White Boynton.
April 2018	PRRAC- the Lawyers Committee Convening	PRRAC/Lawyers Committee Symposium on the 50th Anniversary of the FHA (DC)	An in-depth symposium on the current state of the Fair Housing Act 50 years after its passage.
April 2018	PRRAC Convening	Reproductive Justice and the Politics of Resistance: An Evening with Loretta Ross and Rickie Solinger (DC)	A discussion with feminists Loretta Ross and Rickie Solinger on their creative partnership to promote reproductive justice.
May 2018	PRRAC Publication (Journal of Affordable Housing)	An Evolving Fair Housing Movement: Forging New Partnerships and Agendas Across Policy Areas	By working in partnership with advocates who focus on environmental justice, education, infrastructure equity, and other issues, many fair housing advocates are laying an important foundation for mutual support and for joint agendas that promote housing choice as well as other aspects of social equity.
May 2018	NCSD Publication	Re-Weaving the Social Fabric through Integrated Schools: How Intergroup Contact Prepares Youth to Thrive in a Multiracial Society	New social science research demonstrates the importance of fostering sustained interracial contact between youth in order to prepare them to thrive in a multiracial society. This brief aims to summarize much of this new evidence, with special attention to its practical implications for the social relations and contexts within schools.
May 2018	NCSD Advocacy Letter	Letter to Senate Regarding FY2019 Senate Appropriations Bill	NCSD urges the Senate to not include any provisions in the FY 2019 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill that prohibit federal funding from being used for transportation to further public school racial integration.

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April- June 2018	PRRAC Quarterly Publication	Poverty and Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the Sesquicentennial of the Fourteenth Amendment (Theodore M. Shaw) • Do Housing Choice Voucher Holders Want to Move to Opportunity? (Erin Boggs, Sam Brill & Lisa Dabrowski) • Churches United for Fair Housing: Organizing and Litigating Against Exclusionary Housing Policies in Brooklyn (Charlie Dulik & Alexandra Fennell) • Fair Housing Intersections (Dennis Parker)
July 2018	PRRAC Advocacy Letter	Re: Docket No. FR-5173-N-17, “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing: Withdrawal of the Assessment Tool for Local Governments,” 83 Fed. Reg. 23922.	A letter with comments regarding HUD’s notice of withdrawal of the Local Government Assessment Tool.
July 2018	PRRAC Publication	The Call for Environmental Justice Legislation: An Annotated Bibliography	This research demonstrates the following: First, continuing racial disparities in environmental hazards support the need for more protection than current legislation provides. These disparities are manifested in adverse health outcomes for communities of color, and in numerous regional case studies of disparate impact.
July 2018	PRRAC Publication	Housing and Educational Opportunity: Characteristics of Local Schools Near Families with Federal Housing Assistance	Research on the Moving to Opportunity Demonstration Program showed that housing assistance has the potential to break the cycle of poverty through allowing young children to reach low-poverty neighborhoods and likely higher performing schools.

			Unfortunately this analysis shows that in 2016, children living in assisted housing typically had access to very disadvantaged schools, even compared to other poor families.
July 2018	NCSD Publication	Crafting A Policy Agenda For 2019 and Beyond	A document on strategies for consideration during federal, state, and local deliberations about how to shape our future educational systems.
July 2018	NCSD Convening	School Integration in 2018: Past Achievements, Present Threats, and Future Opportunities	A briefing about the importance of school integration, including the real and hard-fought benefits it has brought to our society as well as the multiple threats facing it.
August 2018	NCSD Publication	The National Coalition on School Diversity Strategic Plan (2018-2020)	A document outlining how NCSD will grow, expand its influence, support its partners, and continue advocating for school diversity.
September 2018	NCSD Publication	Is There Systematic Meaningful Evidence Of School Poverty Thresholds?	After a comprehensive review of the extant social, behavioral, and social science research, no reliable and valid body of evidence points to specific thresholds of poverty concentration that can be used as the empirical basis for school assignment policies.
October 2018	PRRAC Publication	Housing Mobility Programs in the U.S.	This report provides a snapshot of the housing mobility field across country in the fall of 2018.
October 2018	PRRAC Publication	Developing Opportunity: Innovative Models for Strategic Housing Acquisition	To address a lack of affordable housing, several innovative models of housing acquisition are beginning to emerge. This report outlines a few of them.
October 2018	PRRAC Convening	National Housing Mobility Conference (DC)	The conference brought together people from across the country, including public housing authority officials, researchers, and nonprofit leaders gathered to better understand how to further housing mobility and find new ways to collaborate on mobility efforts.
October 2018	PRRAC Advocacy Letter	Docket No. FR-6123-A-01 Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing: Streamlining and Enhancements	A letter indicating support for the current (2015) AFFH rule, and urging HUD to keep it intact and restore its implementation without further delay.
November 2018	PRRAC Publication	Coordination of Community Systems	This research brief highlights innovative programs across the United

		<u>and Institutions to Promote Housing and School Integration</u>	States that consider school and housing segregation in tandem, representing an array of approaches ranging from grassroots community processes that connect housing and schools, to structural approaches seeking to build integration into community structures, to solutions focusing on access to transportation, and removal of transportation barriers to increased mobility.
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