

ABOUT METRO IAF:

Metro Industrial Areas Foundation (Metro IAF) is affiliated with the **Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF)**, the first and largest network of multi-faith, broad-based citizen organizations, which has seven decades of experience winning tough battles on housing, health care, education, living wages, immigration rights, and other issues in the US and abroad. Metro IAF's 22 affiliates are in the East, Midwest, and Southeast United States (CT, DC, IL, MA, MD, NC, NJ, NY, OH, VA, WI).



CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Won statewide Criminal Justice Reform in MA reducing use of mandatory minimums for drug sentencing, reduction of fines and fees for probation and parole, bail reform and regulating and reducing use of solitary confinement. 4,500 local leaders turned out for Fall 2018 accountability actions to push Governors, Mayors, Attorneys General, Congress people and Sheriffs for change on criminal justice reform in VA, CT, MD, NC, MA & IL. Secured commitments from VA Governor & Attorney General to make ending cash bail, raising the felony level, eliminating excessive court fees & fines and restoring drivers licenses for 654,000 Virginians central issues in the VA 2019 statewide elections. **Read More.** *Image: CONECT challenges CT Governor candidates to commit to "Clean Slate" legislation to cleanse criminal records for formerly incarcerated individuals.*

HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

Won \$2.2 billion to repair NYC Public Housing Authority (NYCHA) units where 500,000 black and brown New Yorkers live with mold, rats, no heat and many other code violations; Forced NYCHA to agree to tough new standards for fixing mold and leaks in the 186,000 units of NYCHA public housing. Secured \$500 million from NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio and City Council to begin construction on 15,000 senior units on vacant NYCHA land, which will free up NYCHA units to house 150,000 low income New Yorkers. Won \$250 million in dedicated funds for affordable housing in DC, MA, MD, NC & VA, which financed 9,590 units; Built/preserved through organizing 3,500 units of affordable housing in DC, IL, MA, MD, NC, NJ, NY & VA. **Read More.** *Image: NY Governor Andrew Cuomo commits to fund 1,000 senior housing units in NYC.*



PUBLIC TRANSIT

Won \$500 million in new money annually to fund public transit infrastructure upgrades for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), which serves over 350 million transit riders a year, through a two-year campaign led by Metro IAF's 5 affiliates in the DC, MD & VA region and the Amalgamated Transit Union/ATU Local 689. Victory will yield \$15 billion in upgrades for transit infrastructure for the region and protects 13,000 living wage jobs for African American workers. Together the ATU-Metro IAF coalition resulted in: \$500 million dedicated funding deal without the threatened mandates of a federal control board, privatization, or destruction of frontline workers' retirement security. **Read More.** *Image: Deacon Daniels reunites with ATU Leader JC Campbell at an action. Daniels is a WIN leader with Holy Redeemer and ATU member who taught Ms. Campbell how to operate a bus.*

GUN SAFETY

Do Not Stand Idly By (DNSIB), in partnership with Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility (ICCR), won shareholder victories at Sturm Reuger and American Outdoor Brands (AOBC) annual meetings requiring companies to issue reports on the deadly impact of their products and actions taken to mitigate those impacts. Partnered with nation's leading law enforcement officials: Houston Chief Art Acevedo and Montgomery County, MD Chief J Thomas Manger to publish op-ed urging AOBC to take action to reduce gun deaths. Briefed US Conference of Mayors on how to implement DNSIB gun manufacturer accountability standards. Pushed Federal Trade Commission to pull bump stocks from US Market. **Read More.** *Image: Shareholders at American Outdoor Brands Corp (f/k/a Smith & Wesson) approved DNSIB/ICCR Gun Safety resolution in September 2018.*



STRENGTHENING LOCAL UNIONS

Trained 2,000 Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) local union presidents, stop stewards and key leaders from 65+ locals across the US on creating and implementing strategies to engage and build power among workers who operate and maintain buses, trains and transit facilities. Metro IAF worked with each local to engage every member face-to-face, defend and create more middle class jobs, and organize riders to expand and improve public transportation. Metro IAF's efforts, supporting the visionary leadership of the ATU International, contributed to the largest membership numbers in the history of the ATU. *Image: Building Power training at ATU.*



IMMIGRATION

Secured pledges from law enforcement & school officials NOT to act as ICE agents in CT, DC, IL, MA, MD, NC & VA. Won commitments from Attorneys General in VA, MD, MA & DC to fight against family separations of US citizen children with undocumented parents and to oppose Federal actions to penalize immigrant families that use public services to which they are legally entitled. Won creation of parish ID's to be recognized by Baltimore City law enforcement and other agencies. Pushed schools officials in Northern Virginia to honor Muslim & Jewish holidays. Won \$5+ million in commitments to fund immigrant legal services in DC & MD. **Read More.** *Image: Father Bruce Lewandowski, Priest at Sacred Heart and other clergy speaking about the importance of the new parish ID cards*

LIVING WAGE JOBS

Turnaround Tuesday/BUILD jobs movement in Baltimore secured 635 job placements through the organizing and training of unemployed, underemployed and returning citizens at Johns Hopkins Hospital and other anchor institution employers with a 82% retention rate. Raised wages for DC Street Car, DC Circulator, Metro Access transit workers from poverty to living wages and benefits working with Amalgamated Transit Union ally Local 689. Won commitment from by Baltimore Mayor Pugh to make local hiring mandate a flagship policy of the city. **Read More.** *Image: Turnaround Tuesday Community Health Worker graduates and physicians organize to push the MD Health Services Cost Review Commission to create 200 living wage healthcare jobs.*



MENTAL HEALTH & YOUTH SUPPORT IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Created Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training programs in Metro Chicago, training 1,101 law enforcement officers with 1,000 more in pipeline. Won creation of new Crisis Stabilization Units in Kane and Cook counties in IL to divert mentally ill people from jail to treatment. Won commitment from Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance to push for the establishment of mental health diversion centers, and to expand CIT training for assistant district attorneys so that those with mental illness can avoid jail time and receive treatment instead. **Read More.** *Image: LCU leaders secured approval to add 146 new in-patient beds at the new behavioral hospital in Waukegan IL*

OPIOID CRISIS

Expanded access to evidence-based, life-saving medication-assisted treatment (MAT) opioid addiction treatment on Long Island. Moved the largest hospital chains on Long Island to begin offering buprenorphine to opioid users in their emergency rooms; trained 100+ medical professionals in MAT; and won concrete commitments from Governor Cuomo and state agencies to remove barriers to MAT access in state-licensed treatment programs. **Read More.** *Image: Over 1,300 Long Island-CAN leaders launch campaign to address the Opioid Crisis.*

