

Staci Berger Biography

DETAILED BIO: As the President and CEO of the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey, Staci Berger directs this statewide association of over 150 community-based development organizations, created in 1989 to enhance the efforts of these groups to create affordable housing and revitalize their communities, and to improve the climate for community development in New Jersey. Before becoming the President and CEO, Staci served as the Director of Advocacy & Policy. In this role she was responsible for leading the community development policy staff team, including working with the Policy Coordinator and field organizers, to broaden and mobilize support for the Network's public policy agenda.

Prior to joining the Network, Staci worked for nine years with New Jersey Citizen Action where she went from being an organizer to the Political and Legislative Director. As the Political and Legislative Director, she devised and implemented political, legislative, and electoral strategy for the state's largest non-profit, non-partisan independent watchdog coalition. She received her Masters in Public Affairs and Politics from Rutgers University in 2004. Staci has served as an associate trainer for the Midwest Academy, a leading national training institute for the progressive movement, and worked as a labor organizer with the AFL-CIO Organizing Institute and the Health Professionals and Allied Employees/AFT/AFL-CIO.

Staci has achieved numerous professional milestones and honors. She received the 2017 Edward J. Bloustein School of Public Policy Career Achievement Award, and the 2017 Golden Rose Award for Advocacy from The Rose House. Staci serves on the Economic and Community Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and is a member of the Housing Advisory Council for the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York. In 2016, she was honored by the New Jersey General Assembly during Women's History Month as a Change Maker and was the inaugural recipient of the Center for Non-Profits' Emerging Leader Award in 2013. A member of the NJ Citizen Action Board of Directors, Staci was honored in 2014 with its Community Service Award. Representing the Network on Community Reinvestment Act Advisory Boards for both PNC Bank and Valley National Bank, and on TD Bank's Leadership Council, Staci assists these institutions in meeting their community investment objectives. She has made multiple appearances on national media outlets, including MSNBC, NPR, the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal, and is a recognized expert on housing and community development issues sought by national, regional and local press.