

# Organizations Advocating on Poverty Issues

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## **Office for Social Justice, Catholic Charities**

### **Kathy Tomlin**

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Issues: welfare, housing, and a range of other issues affecting those in poverty.

Legislative network: *Sowers of Justice*

## **Jobs Now Coalition**

### **Kristin Jacobs**

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Issues: jobs, just wages, the working poor

## **MN Without Poverty Campaign**

### **Nancy Maeker**

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## **Affirmative Options for Welfare Reform**

### **Deborah Schlick**

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Saint Paul, MN 55103 (651) 292-1568  
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Issues: welfare reform, poverty

## **Legal Aid Service Advocacy Project**

### **Maureen O'Connell**

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Issues: poverty, welfare reform, and a range of other issues affecting those in poverty.

## **Joint Religious Legislative Coalition**

### **Brian Rusche**

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*This is the primary interfaith advocacy network in the state that lobbies on behalf of those who are poor and disadvantaged. Newsletter and action alerts.*

## **Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICAH)**

### **Sue Watlov Phillips**

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## **Bread for the World**

### **Tammy Walhof, Regional Organizer**

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Issues: global hunger and domestic poverty issues

## **Children's Defense Fund**

### **Jim Koppel**

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Issues: Children in Poverty

## **League of Women Voters**

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Minneapolis: (612) 333-6319  
Email: [vote@lwvmppls.org](mailto:vote@lwvmppls.org)  
Saint Paul: (651) 789-0118  
Email: [mail@lwvsp.org](mailto:mail@lwvsp.org)

Issues: voter registration, political responsibility

**Wilder Research Center**

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Issues: children in poverty, homelessness

**Energy CENTS Coalition****Pam Marshall**

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Issues: Energy assistance for low income families

**Center on Budget and Policy Priorities**

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Web: [www.cbpp.org](http://www.cbpp.org)

*This is one of the best national groups advocating for low income and poor families. Excellent, up-to-date research. Free email updates.*

**National Coalition on Homeless**

2201 P Street NW  
Washington, DC 20037  
(202) 462-4822

Web: [www.nationalhomeless.org](http://www.nationalhomeless.org)

Issues: homelessness, affordable housing

**Minnesota Coalition for Homeless****Mike Dahl**

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Saint Paul, MN 55114 (651) 645-7332 x2

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Issues: homelessness and affordable housing

**Citizen's League****Sean Kershaw**

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Issues: welfare reform, regional disparities

**Institute on Race and Poverty**

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Issues: regional disparities, segregation

**Minnesota Budget Project****Nan Madden**

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Issues: state spending, poverty, fair taxes

For a list of the major academic research centers on poverty in the United States, go to this link:  
[http://www.cctwincities.org/up\\_library.aspx](http://www.cctwincities.org/up_library.aspx)