



**Public sector services that meet human needs must be protected, expanded and improved. Front-line workers and consumers must have a voice in policies, and conditions of public programs.**



The **Alliance for Community Services** is a community-labor coalition of people with disabilities, seniors, low income persons, and frontline public workers.

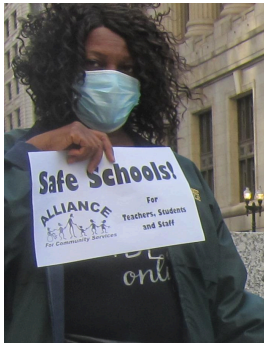
We share our experiences, learn from one another, identify problems, and campaign for improvements to programs that meet human needs that benefit both workers and consumers.

Together our voices are stronger, not divided, as we work to extend the movements for racial justice, worker rights, disability rights, welfare rights, public health, and a fair economy.

All member organizations have a voice in the Steering Committee, which decides on campaign priorities and actions.

**2022 campaign priorities**, chosen by the Steering Committee, include:

- A) **Better COVID safety for workers and consumers**, in congregate facilities (e.g. nursing homes), schools, offices, and communities
- Expand testing, PPE, vaccines, remote work options, and other safety measures; and end racial and ableist disparities,
  - Emergency policies that save PWD lives in disasters, including, emergency relocation options, and stronger health and safety protections for facility residents



- B) **Democracy and accountability in Chicago City Colleges**, by having an elected Board of Trustees (rather than hand-picked by the Mayor), and reversing cuts to classroom hours

C) **Establish/expand public health and human services**

- A full-service, accessible, Dept of Human Services & Division of Rehab Services office (to replace Uptown office removed by Rauner)
- PUBLIC mental health clinics, and expanded 'Treatment Not Trauma' civilian emergency response program



D) **Safety and improvements at local service offices**

E) **Expand and improve Home and Community-Based Services** for PWDs and seniors

**Previous campaigns have included:**

- Preventing privatization of Chicago nursing home 'ombudsman' program, and winning full staffing of the public program
  - Blocking privatization and/or policies that cause loss of SNAP, Medicaid, and other benefits
  - Winning better health/safety in public service offices
  - Fair taxes, full funding, and fair contracts
  - Protecting worker rights, including free speech rights of public employees

