



FELLOW PROFILE

Fellow's Name: Duranya Freeman

Fellow's Partner Organization: Colorado Center on Law & Policy

What are your main responsibilities as a PIFP fellow?

I'm split 50/50 between the Family Economic Security program and Communications department. So some of the time I do research on policies, especially public benefits programs like SNAP and CCAP. The other work I do is working on gathering support for our policy proposals from the public, and educating people on issues within our legislature and state as a whole. I also do a lot of infographics – turning data sets into digestible posts that people can easily understand and share.

What's the most interesting thing you've learned in your fellowship so far?

How much collaboration there is between organizations. We support so many bills each legislative session, and there are a hundred different combinations of coalitions we work with on each bill. One bill from last year had 50 nonprofit supporters. It's really cool to see the overlap and how well organizations work together to make real change happen.

Why did you want to become a PIFP Fellow?

I did a PIFP summer fellowship after my sophomore year, and I wanted to make a more long-term commitment to nonprofit work in Colorado.

What activities outside of your work do you enjoy?

I like exploring new places to run, like Washington & City Park. I also got a free bike from a coworker and refurbished it so I can tear up the streets to and from work.

What is something most people would be surprised to know about you?

I work at Mici's Handcrafted Italian in the evenings, so I eat an absurd amount of pizza & pasta every week. We just won Best Italian, Best Family Friendly AND Best Pizza in 5280 magazine so come check us out!