In 2015, through the largest single donor-driven effort in an employment system change, AFC’s Policy and Advocacy department led the fight against HIV service cuts at the state level throughout Illinois and across the U.S. for people living with and vulnerable to HIV in collaboration with the movement for Black lives through community building and conferences, as well as connections between HIV and LGBTQ communities through the creation of Pride Action Tank. HIV Prevention Justice Alliance played a leadership role among national partners to block bills that criminalize HIV in four states.

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