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FPWA APPOINTS EMILY MILES TO CHIEF PROGRAM AND POLICY OFFICER
Miles to Work with Stakeholders in the Community and Human Services Sector
Efforts to Increase Upward Mobility for New Yorkers

Thursday, February 23, 2017 (New York, NY) - Non-profit sector leader Emily Miles has been appointed Chief Program and Policy Officer at FPWA, one of New York's leading non-profit organizations aimed at alleviating poverty and advancing upward mobility. As Chief Program and Policy Officer, Miles will lead the development, implementation and evaluation of all policy, advocacy and programmatic activity working with multiple stakeholders in the community and human services sector. Miles will provide strategic programmatic leadership to ensure FPWA's policy agenda, programs and related initiatives align with the agency's mission to benefit New Yorkers in need and member agencies that serve them.

According to **Jennifer Jones Austin, the CEO and Executive Director of FPWA**: "We are thrilled to be able to draw from within our ranks to promote an exceptional talent. Emily brings a wealth of policy experience to this position after having successfully led several campaigns and initiatives that continue to drive FPWA forward to ensure the promise of opportunity can be realized."

"I am excited to be taking on this new role at a critical time for our city and country," said **Miles**. "I look forward to continuing to strengthen and advance FPWA's work to promote opportunities for upward mobility to all New Yorkers in partnership with the FPWA team, our member agencies, and our allies across the state."

Miles' leadership at FPWA has evolved over a period of four years where prior to her promotion, she was the Director of Policy, Advocacy and Research, and oversaw the

development and implementation of FPWA's policy agenda. In this position, Miles played a lead role in the development of several campaigns and initiatives focused on increasing economic equity across New York City and State, including the launch of #15andFunding and Restore Opportunity Now campaigns aimed at increasing wages and funding for the human services sector, as well as playing a lead role in releasing a joint study with UJA Federation of New York and Catholic Charities focusing on the expansion and implementation of key anti-poverty policies. In 2015, Miles was honored to be named a Next Generation Leader by the Human Services Council and a Top 40 Under 40 Rising Star by New York Nonprofit Media.

Prior to joining FPWA, Miles worked in the Obama Administration in the Office of the Vice President and in the U.S. Department of Education, managing gender-based violence initiatives; coordinating federal inter-agency workgroup activities targeted at reducing violence against women and girls; and organizing broad-based support for the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

Miles also brings to FPWA a strong background in education, having started her career as a public middle school teacher, working in both Georgia and Maine as a teacher and gifted and talented program coordinator.

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About FPWA

FPWA is an anti-poverty, policy, and advocacy nonprofit with a membership network of nearly 180 human-service and faith-based organizations. FPWA has been a prominent force in New York City's social services system for more than 95 years, advocating for fair public policies, collaborating with partner agencies, and growing its community-based membership network to meet the needs of New Yorkers. Each year, FPWA helps close to 1.5 million New Yorkers move up the economic ladder. Visit us at www.fpwa.org and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).