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### **Biography:**



Margaret Stapleton is a staff attorney with 35 years of experience practicing welfare and civil rights law. At the Shriver Center she focuses on public benefits, health care, child support, and former offender issues, always searching for ways to make government and non-government services, programs, and opportunities effective and open to all low-income people, even less popular low-income groups such as noncustodial parents and people with criminal convictions. She serves on the Illinois Department of Health and Human Services' Social Service Advisory Committee and Food Stamp Participation Advisory Committee and the Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services' Child Support Advisory Committee. Before joining the Shriver Center in 1996, Margie worked as a staff attorney in the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago's welfare team for 10 years and with legal services and civil rights organizations in Cairo and East St. Louis, Illinois, for 15 years. She is a member of the Chicago Council of Lawyers and a board member of the Center on Family Policy and Practice.