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### **Shriver Center Publishes Special CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW Issue on Youth in Poverty**

(Chicago)- Just nineteen, a high school dropout, homeless, unemployed, pregnant, and battling mental illness, this adolescent and millions of others living in poverty in this country face daunting challenges. Her story is not just a heart-wrenching tale of disadvantage, but it is meant to inspire action. “Our Commitment to Youth,” the July-August special issue of CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW: JOURNAL OF POVERTY LAW AND POLICY, is a call action to advocates, policy makers, and others willing accept responsibility for ensuring a brighter future for youth in poverty. Published by the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW is the nation’s premier journal on poverty law and policy. The special issue features a series of in-depth articles and advocacy strategies by legal advocates from across the nation. Topics include:

- Combating the Schoolhouse–to–Jailhouse Track
- Promoting School Success for Adolescent Parents
- Guiding Adolescents in the Foster Care System
- Expanding Adolescents’ Access to Health Care
- Improving Teens’ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Meeting the Civil Legal Needs of Court-Involved Youth
- Making the Case for Restorative Justice
- Preparing Youth through Workforce Development Programs

“Advocates around the country are doing valuable work on these and many other youth-related issues, and the articles in this special issue of CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW are examples of such work, writes Rep. George Miller (D-CA), author of the special issue cover letter. “Examining the ways in which the foster care, juvenile justice, and health care systems are failing to serve our youth adequately and the steps that we can take to correct these deficiencies—all topics addressed in this significant REVIEW issue—are vital to our nation’s efforts to improve the lives of our youth,” he continued.

“We hope this issue helps advocates and policy makers fulfill those responsibilities for America’s young people,” says Wendy Pollack, senior attorney with the Shriver Center and co-author of two articles in the special issue. “Through this REVIEW issue, we hope to engage the minds and hearts of advocates and policy makers across the country to act to end poverty among America’s young people.”

If you would like to schedule an interview with a legal editor or advocate, please contact Rikeesha Cannon at 312.368.2677. For more information on how you can purchase a copy of this special issue and for subscription information for CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW and other Shriver Center publications, please visit [www.povertylaw.org](http://www.povertylaw.org).

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