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Carly Myers (she/her) is a former TJC Legal Intern and current Staff Attorney with the National Health Law Program (NHeLP). She interned with TJC during Summer 2015, where she successfully represented a client at a TennCare administrative hearing; researched and drafted legal memoranda and court briefs; engaged in community outreach to uplift the importance of Medicaid expansion; and learned how to play the kazoo. Carly's summer at TJC not only provided her with critical substantive and procedural knowledge of Medicaid advocacy, but it also solidified her commitment to pursuing a career in health advocacy.

Today, Carly works in NHeLP's California office, where she engages in federal and state policy advocacy to improve access to comprehensive and high-quality health care for low-income and underserved communities, with a focus on advancing health equity for foster youth and people with disabilities. Before joining NHeLP, Carly worked as a Staff Attorney with the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund for five years, where she led a range of litigation, legislative, and policy initiatives aimed at increasing nondiscriminatory access to health care.

Carly received her J.D., Order of the Coif, from Vanderbilt University Law School, where she logged the most pro bono hours in her graduating class; served as an Editor of the Vanderbilt Law Review; and was awarded a George Barrett Social Justice Fellowship. During law school, Carly interned with TJC, the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland, Disability Rights Tennessee, and Vanderbilt's Medical-Legal Partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Prior to law school, Carly received her B.A., with honors, from the University of Florida and she worked for five years at a rehabilitation hospital, where she was exposed to systemic problems within the health care system and how it particularly disadvantages people who are low-income.