

ALWAYS

Arizona Legal Women And Youth Services



2014 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

ALWAYS opens the doors to justice for youth and young adults impacted by homelessness, human trafficking, and abuse.

A Message From Our CEO, January Contreras



In October 2013, we opened the doors to Arizona Legal Women and Youth Services (ALWAYS). More importantly, we opened the doors to justice for our community's most vulnerable young people – teens and young adults whose lives have been torn apart by homelessness, human trafficking, and abuse.

In our first year, ALWAYS eliminated legal barriers to stability and safety for 59 youth and women. We provided free legal services addressing human trafficking, youth homelessness, and domestic violence including family law, barriers to employment, and immigration.

We trained more than 400 social service providers, attorneys, law enforcement officers, and juvenile justice professionals readying them with the information and resources they need to support homeless, trafficked, and abused young people.

We partnered with community change leaders to launch the Arizona Partnership to End Domestic Trafficking, a coordinated

network of services and training for Arizona's anti-trafficking community. Through the Arizona Partnership, we expanded our free legal services into Southern Arizona.

We established and continue to expand our network of pro bono attorneys extending ALWAYS' reach and making skilled and specialized counsel available to young people who would otherwise be locked out of the justice system.

ALWAYS is helping young people to reclaim their futures. It's a tremendous privilege to be a part of the lives of young people as they escape homelessness and violence, regain employment, and build safety and stability for themselves and their children.

ALWAYS stands with these young people as they seek justice, and we are grateful that we do not stand alone. Whether you are a community partner, a volunteer, a philanthropic supporter, or one of the resilient survivors of homelessness, trafficking, and abuse; you're an important part of the ALWAYS family.

Together, we stand for justice. Together, we are ALWAYS.

January Contreras



EMPLOYMENT

Eliminated barriers to employment and success for 17 homeless young adults and survivors by fighting wage theft and addressing previous criminal charges incurred while homeless or trafficked.

HOUSING

Protected housing rights for 4 homeless young adults and their children by providing legal counsel in tenant landlord disputes involving health and safety.

2014 LEGAL SERVICES SUMMARY

HOUSING LAW	IMMIGRATION	EMPLOYMENT	SAFETY	FAMILY LAW
7%	29%	29%	17%	19%

IMMIGRATION

Assisted 17 immigrant youth and survivors to pursue pathways to employment, citizenship, safety, and self-sufficiency for childhood arrivals, victims of abuse and crime, and human trafficking.

FAMILY LAW

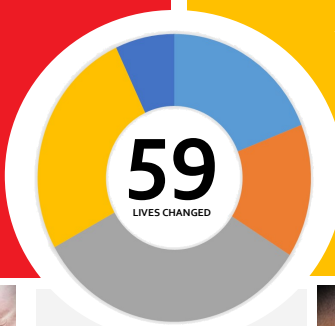
Strengthened the families of 11 homeless young adults and supported the well-being of their dependent children by addressing child custody and support, and family violence.

SAFETY & ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Secured immediate safety and essential services for 10 homeless, abused, and sex trafficked individuals through emergency orders of protection, identity documents, and assistance obtaining necessary benefits and services.

400+

COMMUNITY PARTNERS TRAINED



2,500+

LEGAL SERVICE HOURS PROVIDED



"If it wasn't for ALWAYS, I wouldn't have peace with my past."



KEEPING THE DOORS TO JUSTICE OPEN FOR ROGELIO

Born in Mexico, Rogelio was brought to the United States as an undocumented child. As a young adult, he couldn't find work without legal residency and soon became homeless. Unsure how to help him, staff at a local homeless program referred Rogelio to ALWAYS for help. With his ALWAYS attorney, Rogelio applied for authorization to live and work in the United States under the Federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program in 2014. Rogelio's application was approved allowing him to obtain legal employment and escape homelessness without fear of deportation.

Because ALWAYS kept the doors to justice open for Rogelio, he has a fair chance at achieving his American dream.

All client names have been changed to protect their privacy.

2014 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ELIMINATING LEGAL OBSTACLES

Law Enforcement & Prosecutors Training, February

Alongside the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence and the Arizona Prosecuting Attorney's Advisory Council, ALWAYS facilitated a training on human trafficking for law enforcement officers and prosecutors through the Arizona Police Officers Standards and Training Board.

Pro Bono Attorney Training, April

ALWAYS partnered with the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking and the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education to host a two-day training preparing Arizona attorneys to provide skilled and knowledgeable counsel to survivors of human trafficking.

Nevada Attorney General Cortez Masto, August

ALWAYS teamed up with the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence to host a community forum with Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto. The event was attended by several Arizona law enforcement agencies as well as faith and community leaders committed to ending violence against women.

AZ Partnership to End Domestic Trafficking, October

ALWAYS partnered with Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development, Training & Resources United to Stop Trafficking, Our Family Services, ASU's Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research, and Phoenix DREAM Center to establish a coordinated response and service strategy for domestic victims of trafficking in Arizona.

National Runaway & Homeless Youth Conference, November

ALWAYS presented at the 2014 conference of Federally funded runaway and homeless youth programs. Executive and program staff from youth serving agencies across the nation received guidance, training, and resources to develop and strengthen strategies and collaboration to eliminate legal barriers to success and stability for youth in their communities.

PROVIDING FREE LEGAL SERVICES

A Fresh Start for Joy

Like many victims of sex trafficking, Joy had a history of arrest. When she escaped and started a new life, her criminal record prevented her from accomplishing her goal of helping others through nursing.

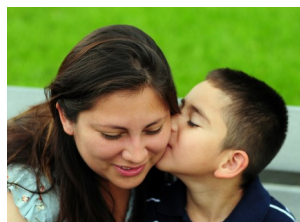
With ALWAYS' help, Joy requested and received a good cause waiver allowing her to obtain fingerprint clearance and pursue her new career as a nurse.



A Safe Home for Alyssa

When Alyssa's abusive boyfriend threatened her, ALWAYS was by her side. ALWAYS assisted Alyssa to obtain an order of protection preventing her ex-boyfriend from coming in contact with her.

ALWAYS negotiated with Alyssa's landlord allowing her to move to a safe home away from her abuser.



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ALWAYS offers young people a fair chance in the justice system to help them build a safe and stable life. A

chance many of them have never had.



2014 FAST FACTS ABOUT ALWAYS CLIENTS

75% ARE WOMEN

92% ARE HOMELESS

14% ARE VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING

STRENGTH THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

ALWAYS partners with social service providers, community organizations, legal professionals, philanthropic supporters, and government agencies to meet the needs of young people in the justice system.

Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development
Native American Connections - HomeBase
East Valley Homeless Youth Task Force
Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking
AZ Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence
ASU Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research

National Network for Youth
Phoenix Dream Center
Shared Hope International
Our Family Services
Arizona Bar Foundation
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To protect their privacy, the names and photos of young people served by ALWAYS have been changed.

2014 FINANCIALS

Revenue	\$237,411
Grants	\$227,171
Contributions	\$10,240
Expenses	\$207,041
Personnel	\$146,600
Professional Services	\$33,396
Other Expenses	\$21,171
Grantee Assistance	\$5,873
Net Surplus	\$30,369

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