



OPENING DOORS TO JUSTICE

2019 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



Message from the CEO

For the past two years, in addition to serving our inspiring clients, ALWAYS has advocated for juvenile justice reform in Arizona. In 2019, there was progress.

In partnership with Children’s Action Alliance and the University of Arizona’s SIROW, our focus has been on increasing the confidentiality of most juvenile delinquency records and granting judges greater discretion to waive outstanding fines and fees that families cannot afford. On April 24, 2019, House Bill 2055 was signed into law as a first step in much needed juvenile justice reform. We thank Vitalyst Health Foundation for supporting this advocacy and the Arizona Supreme Court committee members who supported change. We are especially proud of our own former client, pictured below, for sharing her story with judges

and court officials.

At ALWAYS, our work representing those left behind in the justice system continues. Thank you to our dedicated staff, supporters, and committed partners.

Most Sincerely,

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2018-19 LEGAL SERVICES

IMMIGRATION

Representing victims of crime and vulnerable youth to gain safety and employment

FAMILY LAW

Assisting abuse and trafficking survivors with strengthened safety and family stability

SAFETY & ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Assisting homeless youth and victims of crime with orders of protection, ID, and fraud

CRIMINAL HISTORY REPAIR

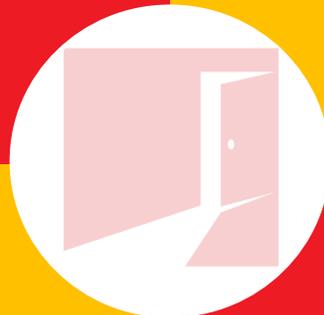
Addressing convictions with homeless youth and trafficking survivors to boost employability

156 LIVES CHANGED

28% TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS

86% VICTIMS OF CRIME

FISCAL YEAR 10/01/2018-09/30/2019



Arizona Legal Women and Youth Services (ALWAYS) is a nonprofit community legal center committed to opening the doors to justice for Arizona’s vulnerable young people and human trafficking survivors as they seek to eliminate legal obstacles that stand in the way of safety, stability, and opportunity.

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ISABEL'S STORY

At the age of 11, Isabel* was sent to live with her father, who she barely knew. Sadly, she spent years silently enduring sexual abuse at his hands. An attentive adult suspected and reported the abuse to police when Isabel became pregnant. Isabel entered the foster care system, while her father was sent to prison for his crimes against her.

Despite all that she had been through, Isabel was determined to build a safe life for her child. She found ALWAYS to represent her in juvenile court to ensure that her rapist would never have rights to her child.

ALWAYS helped Isabel obtain free counseling services, and her attorney successfully argued to sever the parental rights of her convicted rapist. When her case was over, Isabel told ALWAYS that she "could have never done this alone."

**Client's name is changed and she is not pictured in this report*

"I could have never done this alone."

- Young mother and sexual assault survivor



Many ALWAYS clients are in the foster care system and unable to prove their U.S. Citizenship. We're proud to represent them to gain the right to work and live with confidence.

2019 FAST FACTS ABOUT ALWAYS CLIENTS

72% ARE WOMEN & GIRLS

28% ARE FORMER OR CURRENT FOSTER CARE YOUTH

*Data based on intake answers

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