



OPENING DOORS TO JUSTICE

2020 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



Message from the CEO

We never thought we'd be meeting clients in masks, but this year brought many surprises to our doorstep.

As our state and country wrestled with a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic, ALWAYS clients needed to rely on their lawyers and advocates more than ever. I'm grateful to the ALWAYS team for rising to the occasion.

Amid the pandemic, demands to address income inequality and racial justice gained the attention they deserve. These issues are at the center of our work.

At ALWAYS, the majority of our clients are women and girls of color, many are homeless or receive housing assistance, and nearly all struggle to afford their day to day needs. We are proud to be their lawyers. We thank our donors and partners for making this work possible.

Most Sincerely,

January Contreras



2019-20 LEGAL SERVICES



IMMIGRATION

Representing victims of crime and vulnerable youth so they 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



130
CLIENT CASES

19%
TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS

33%
FORMER OR CURRENT KIDS IN FOSTER CARE

FISCAL YEAR
10/01/2019-09/30/2020



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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CHINDA'S STORY

Chinda* was trafficked in a massage parlor. With the support of law enforcement, she obtained a T visa for trafficking survivors. She was working to get back on her feet when she became pregnant from a man who mentally and physically abused her.

When he hit her with their child in her arms, she left and found ALWAYS to represent her in family court. During trial, her abuser admitted harming

Chinda but remarked that it was not significant. Due to his violent behavior, the judge ordered supervised visits so a third party would monitor the child's safety.

ALWAYS is proud to have put an attorney at Chinda's side to help her stand up to her abuser and protect her daughter. (*Client's name is changed. She is not pictured.)



ALWAYS represents many young mothers. This client shared that when no one else was on her side, her ALWAYS attorneys were there for her.

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2020 FAST FACTS ABOUT ALWAYS CLIENTS

70% ARE
WOMEN &
GIRLS

*"Thank you ALWAYS!
I would not know how
to start or where to get
help on my own."*

*-Young mother and
trafficking survivor
whose prostitution
conviction was set
aside with the help of
ALWAYS*

(Not Pictured)

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