



OPENING DOORS TO JUSTICE

2021 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



Message from the CEO

It's a privilege to share this report about the work of Arizona Legal Women and Youth Services (ALWAYS). We are proud of who we serve as attorneys and advocates.

This year, ALWAYS saw significant change in our leadership and staff. My personal thanks to January Contreras, ALWAYS founder, for her commitment to making legal services available to Arizona's most vulnerable individuals and families. I am proud to be named the leader who will build on this legacy – for our clients and for our community. I am equally proud of the staff who carry out this mission.

Thank you to our incredible donors and partners who make this work possible,

Valentina Restrepo-Montoya



2020-21 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

127
CLIENT CASES

17%
TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS

29%
FORMER OR CURRENT KIDS IN FOSTER CARE

FISCAL YEAR
10/01/2020-09/30/2021



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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JORDAN'S STORY

Jordan* found ALWAYS through a local human trafficking services provider. Although she was a trafficking victim, Jordan was sentenced to 30 days in jail for a first-time prostitution conviction. She was extremely worried because she had no child care for her children if she went to jail.

Within four months of ALWAYS representation, Jordan's conviction was

dismissed, with support from the prosecutor, by the judge in the interest of justice. Jordan shared that she had not been treated with respect in court until the day she walked in with her ALWAYS lawyer. We are proud to have been a part of making the justice system work for Jordan and for her children.

**Not client's name. Client is not pictured.*



ALWAYS meets our clients where they are. Our mobile services are an important part of why clients find success through ALWAYS

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2021 FAST FACTS ABOUT ALWAYS CLIENTS

70% ARE
WOMEN &
GIRLS

*"I'll always be thankful
and grateful to ALWAYS.*

-Client

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