



WE ARE IN THIS

TOGETHER





Dear ACLU members,

Here at the ACLU of Washington, 48 of us go to work each day to demand that the promises of freedom and justice belong to every person in this country: black, brown, white, rich, poor, male, female, transgender, straight, gay, documented, undocumented. Every person in this country.

This report highlights some important results from the last year. But the deep, complex wins listed here are not ours alone. They are realized only because we are in this together.

Community partners, volunteers, and brave clients join us in this work, driven by activated supporters like you. Tens of thousands of ACLU-WA members and supporters rally with us. We hear you ask important questions and build relationships at our Flights & Rights gatherings across the state. We see the time you give to be a stronger activist through our Power UP trainings.

In the courts, at the Capitol, and at the ballot box, you are by our side, ensuring access to democracy and fairness for all. We are grateful to be in this with you.

The entire nation is still learning the extent of the abuses of power by the Trump Administration and there are surely many more revelations that lie ahead. In the face of this, we will do what we've always done: fight for policies that promote justice, freedom and equity, as well as greater transparency at every level of government—and win.

The ACLU has been at this for 100 years. We may have to work overtime right now, but we will not stop. Together with you, our community, we will pursue justice in every corner of the state and country, for every person.

In Solidarity,  
  
Michele Storms

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TOGETHER, LET'S TAKE STOCK OF THE PAST YEAR'S HARD-FOUGHT PROGRESS:

Everyone seeking reproductive care should be able to know where they can get it, so we passed legislation and worked with the Department of Health to create a **reproductive health checklist** that hospitals are required to fill out and post on their websites.

Ari Robbins was wrongfully turned away from Swedish Health Services solely because he is transgender, so we sued, and Swedish agreed to improve access and coordination of **care for trans patients**.

We sued Catholic health care organization PeaceHealth, asserting that their employee medical plan's exclusion of coverage for Paxton Enstad, a 16-year-old transgender boy, was discriminatory and illegal. Under PeaceHealth's amended medical plan, their 15,000 employees now have **access to transition-related care**.

Christal Fields had overcome her past but was banned for life from childcare work—her life's passion—because of a decades-old criminal conviction. We successfully argued in state supreme court and Christal is now entitled to a **second chance** and will have a hearing to determine whether she can get a childcare license.

With our allies, we passed legislation to protect kids from the consequences of unnecessary felony prosecution for sending explicit text messages—"sexting"—to each other, usually someone they are dating. The Responsible Teen Communications Act replaces harsh criminal penalties with prevention and intervention strategies that **keep young people safe**.

We settled a class-action lawsuit against Whatcom County Jail and they will now provide people with opioid use disorder in the jail access to **medications necessary to treat their addiction**, a first for the nation.

A **trial cannot be fair if it is infected by racism**. In State v. Berhe, a juror of color was racially harassed by her fellow jurors during deliberations. In a friend of the court brief filed in the case, the ACLU-WA said a juror's sworn statement that racial bias affected the proceedings should trigger an investigation by the court. The Washington Supreme Court agreed, set guidelines for such a process, and ordered a new trial for the defendant.

The Washington Supreme Court found the **death penalty** in Washington has been carried out in a racially biased and arbitrary manner, and therefore violates the state constitution, as our amicus brief asserted. All people on death row at the time had their sentences converted to life in prison without possibility of parole.

We asserted that the state had a duty to act when it knew the Grays Harbor County **juvenile public defense system** was constitutionally deficient. The trial court agreed with the ACLU that this duty exists, and the state appealed to the Washington Supreme Court.

We are representing community members who filed a public records request seeking documents relating to the Tacoma Police Department's use of a device to conduct **electronic surveillance of cell phones**. The trial court agreed that the city had not complied with the public records law and owed additional records as well as penalties and fees. The city has appealed to the state Court of Appeals.

Alongside many allies, we passed the Keep Washington Working Act, which ensures local law enforcement are not collaborating with

or diverting public safety funds to support the federal **immigration detention and deportation** pipeline.

We passed the Spokane Immigration Ordinance, which prevents Customs and Border Patrol from **searching Greyhound buses** and questioning passengers without a warrant

We defeated a data privacy bill that would have green-lighted the creation of a **face surveillance** infrastructure in Washington state. With only corporate stakeholders invited to the negotiation process, Microsoft heavily influenced the bill language. We pushed for the legislature to reject legislation that omitted the voices of impacted community members.

Though they didn't pass in their first year, we introduced two **landmark tech privacy bills**: a bill placing a moratorium on government procurement and use of facial recognition technology until it is proven not to be biased, and a bill that establishes minimum standards of fairness and accountability for any government agency buying or using **automated decision-making systems**.

We worked with a nationwide coalition of more than 85 groups to demand that Microsoft, Amazon, and Google promise to **stop selling face surveillance technology to the government**.

We worked with community members to implement the **Seattle Surveillance Ordinance**, bringing concerns about the privacy and civil liberties implications of surveillance technologies to Seattle City Council.

NOW AND THROUGH 2020, TOGETHER LET'S:

Celebrate **one hundred years** of the ACLU's fight for freedom and fairness.

Pass a Courts for All bill and advocate to stop **ICE arrests** at courthouses

Hold Right to Care town halls across the state to educate and activate constituents in support of the Protecting Patient Care Act for **access to reproductive and end-of-life care**.

Stop Washington's practice of suspending **driver licenses** to coerce debt payments for traffic infractions.

Provide **legal advocacy to Native American students and families** facing disproportionately high levels of school discipline and juvenile incarceration proceedings.

**Take on mass incarceration** in Washington. We are releasing a report on life and long sentences and the need for comprehensive sentencing reform.

Support a bill that will **reduce the use of solitary confinement** as a disciplinary practice for juvenile offenders in Washington State.

Create a more equitable discipline program. We are working to create a Spokane School Report which will encompass the Spokane School District's progress in reducing **suspensions and expulsions**.

Defend against any bill that permits corporations to build a face surveillance infrastructure. We will re-introduce our face **surveillance** moratorium and algorithmic accountability bills.

Push for policies requiring standards of **fairness and accountability**. We'll provide toolkits for communities to fight for their rights as decision-making and surveillance technologies continue to spread.

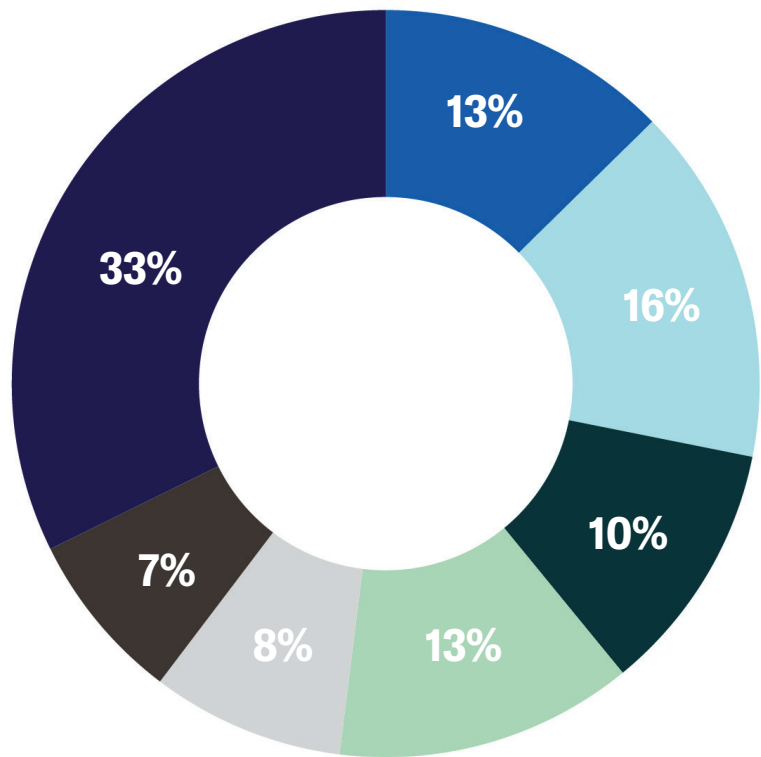
ACLU of Washington & Foundation 2018-2019 Combined Operating Budget

Audited statements will be available in November 2019.

Support & Revenue

Annual Contributions	\$4,617,294
Requests, Case Awards & Restricted Funds	\$1,274,612
Membership	\$3,507,709
Endowment Fund Income	\$739,572

Total Support & Revenue  
\$10,139,187



Expenses

Policy Advocacy	\$1,174,461
Legal Department	\$1,440,560
Communications	\$964,776
Political Strategies	\$1,198,519
Management & General	\$774,938
Development	\$686,829
Strategic Funds Reserve	\$3,000,000

Total Expenses  
\$9,240,083