

SOUTHWEST WOMEN'S LAW CENTER

OUTCOMES FROM THE KELLOGG GRANT

The end of the year brings us to the end of our Kellogg grant. The work has created many new partnerships and coalitions for the Law Center. One of the exciting realizations came from the Social Return on Investment analysis (SROI) report which indicated the economic impact and SROI for the two-year grant was \$117,176,466, which is a staggering economic benefit for New Mexico.

WE'VE MOVED!

After twelve years of sharing space with the ACLU, we now have our own office. Come see us in our new space!

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Happy holidays from the Southwest Women's Law Center! We hope that you have a peaceful and serene holiday season and take time to slow down and reconnect with friends and family. We've had a busy and eventful year and we want to share some of our work with you. We hope that you will consider a donation to the Southwest Women's Law Center to help support us and our mission to make an impact in the lives of women and their families in New Mexico.

[Please support this work through a tax deductible charitable donation.](#)

What have we been up to?

Encouraging a culture of Pro Bono – [Get Involved!](#)

The Southwest Women's Law Center is committed to helping the New Mexico Bar foster a culture of pro bono as well as supporting low-income New Mexicans connect with attorneys who can make an incredible difference in their lives through low or pro bono legal services. We do this in several ways: though our [One Woman One Case Once a Year](#) high impact litigation program and though pro bono consultations, limited scope, and unbundled pro bono opportunities.



CONNECTING NEW MEXICANS WITH RESOURCES:

The Southwest Women's Law Center has also been working hard to ensure that women throughout New Mexico understand their legal rights. Over the past year, we've travelled to communities throughout the state, and along the way shared important information about the Law Center and women's rights in New Mexico.

This year, SWLC staff travelled to Farmington, Anthony, Gallup, and throughout Bernalillo Counties to discuss: the rights of pregnant and parenting students; pay equity; Paid Family & Medical Leave and Pregnant Worker Accommodations; child care assistance; domestic abuse leave; sex and pregnancy discrimination and more.

WORKING ON ISSUES THAT MATTER TO YOU:

The Southwest Women's Law Center completed its research on the current state of sex education in New Mexico. Through this research, we determined that updates need to be made to the state Standards and Benchmarks, and that crisis pregnancy centers are receiving Title V funding to provide abstinence-only education to young people in New Mexico. SWLC is now working with community partners to determine the best way to proceed in updating our state's sex ed program and ensure that all students receive a comprehensive sexual health education. We also completed research into [Crisis Pregnancy Centers in New Mexico](#) and how they negatively impact young women, low-income women, women of color, and families.

We submitted a comment strongly opposing changes to Title X funding. The Trump Administration has proposed changes to [Title X funding](#) requirements that would have devastating effects on reproductive healthcare providers and patients. Title X provides grants to family planning health care providers which gives millions of women access to STD testing, pap smears, and contraception.

The administration has escalated its efforts to detain, deport, and deter asylum seekers, particularly those from Central America. The SWLC marched to fight family separation and detention but hundreds of children remain separated from their families and we urge our constituents to contact your representatives and ask they do everything to reunite these families.

We submitted a comment strongly opposing [DHS' Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds proposed rule](#). While the "public charge" rule is inherently problematic, the proposed rule would detrimentally impact the economic security, health, and well-being of women, children, families, and communities. It would erect insurmountable barriers for immigrants and citizens to access and use Medicaid and other public benefit programs for which they are lawfully eligible.



Ellie Rushforth at the All Above All Poetry Slam

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The Southwest Women's Law Center hosted an Equal Pay Event to discuss ways to help ensure that Black women are paid fairly and equally in the workplace. SWLC also hosted an Equal Pay Day Event for Native Women's Equal Pay Day on September 27 at UNM Gallup in collaboration with American Association of University Women, and an Equal Pay Event for Hispanic Women's Equal Pay Day on November 1.

WHAT'S NEXT?

We came so close! After Governor Martinez vetoed the Pregnant Workers Accommodation Act in 2016 we redoubled our efforts to ensure that pregnant workers must be accommodated in their workplace. We are supporting similar legislation this year and hope legislators and the Administration will support pregnant workers and their families.

As the leaders of the Paid Family Leave Taskforce, we convene stakeholders from business leaders to community members to help design and recommend a paid leave policy to ensure New Mexican families. We need your help and support to ensure this policy will

become a reality for working families. Please reach out to your state senators and representatives and ask them to support Paid Family Leave in New Mexico.

The SWLC is part of a coalition working to repeal an outdated statute to permanently protect access to reproductive health care, including abortion in New Mexico. With the future of abortion access at stake, we must repeal out-of-date, anti-abortion language in the criminal code of New Mexico, as it only threatens to criminalize women and healthcare providers. Please sign this [petition!](#)

You can help us continue this vital work to support New Mexico women and families by donating to the Southwest Women's Law Center. Thank you and Happy Holidays!

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