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A FAIR CHANCE TO WORK NOW!

2015 LSPC ANNUAL REPORT

LEGAL SERVICES FOR PRISONERS WITH CHILDREN
From the Board Chair & Executive Director

Dear Friends,

When President Obama ordered the federal government to Ban The Box in November, 2015, it signaled an important shift in the national discourse from punitive to restorative justice. It also demonstrated how large Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (LSPC) has grown, how far our message has traveled, and how significantly our work has impacted our local, state, and national communities.

In 1827, Freedom’s Journal, one of the first Black newspapers, stated in its lead editorial, “We wish to plead our own cause, too long have others spoken for us.” As one of the only public interest law organizations led and run by formerly incarcerated people, LSPC is proud to ensure authentic perspectives. We bring our unique expertise wherever we go to advocate strongly for increased access to jobs, housing and education, reduced incarceration, and family unity.

But it’s not just the President who is listening to our message. Large corporations and public-interest foundations have asked us to collaborate on reforming their hiring practices so they will align with Prop 47, passed in 2014. We have received multiple awards from national labor and civil rights organizations in recognition of our Ban the Box and voting rights work. At our Formerly Incarcerated and Convicted People and Family’s Movement (FICPFM) Western Regional Convening, we broke bread and built bridges with each other before speaking truth to a large panel of local, state, and national policy makers. At our upcoming FICPFM National Convention in September 2016 we will further engage our grassroots organizing and exponentially increase the impact of our words and our work.

We truly value our relationships and alliances. Our victories and successes would not be possible without your generosity. Thank you for all your support in the movement to free our people, restore our rights, and reunite our families and communities.

Sincerely,

Marlene Sanchez, Board Chair

Dorsey Nunn, Executive Director

Cover: LSPC Executive Director Dorsey Nunn gives a salute at a Washington DC rally publicizing the delivery of 130,000 petitions to President Obama, asking him to issue an executive order to Ban the Box for private contractors doing business with the federal government. Other activists from left to right: Rosie Washington (The Micah Project); Rashad Robinson (Color of Change); Tamisha Walker (Safe Return); Dorsey Nunn (LSPC); Marilyn Winn (9to5 Atlanta); Rev. Glasgow (The Ordinary People Society).

Photo: Courtesy of Center for Community Change
OUR PROGRAMS

Through our programs, LSPC works to release incarcerated people, to restore human and civil rights, and to reunify families and communities.

All of Us or None is a grassroots movement started by people who have been in prison that aims to win full restoration of our human and civil rights.

Family Unity Project protects the rights of pregnant and parenting prisoners, seeks their release, and fights for the reunification of all families.

Advocacy Project builds a strong core of formerly incarcerated leaders, family advocates and allies to work for systemic change through litigation, legislative advocacy, and community organizing.
ALL OF US OR NONE

FORMERLY INCARCERATED LEADERSHIP

All of Us or None is a grassroots national movement that aims to ensure that the voices, visibility, and leadership of formerly incarcerated people are included in policy changes that affect our lives during and after incarceration. All of Us or None coined the term “Ban the Box” and has worked for 13 years to develop this campaign. As the incubator for the Formerly Incarcerated and Convicted People and Families Movement (FICPFM), we hosted the 2015 FICPFM Western Regional Convening for diverse communities impacted by incarceration throughout the Western states.

Building a Movement Not Just Another Nonprofit

Speakers on the “Impact of Incarceration on Youth” panel at the Western Regional Convening spoke from their hearts about their own experiences and shared ideas on movement strategy.
FAMILY IS A HUMAN RIGHT

The Family Unity Project works directly with women inside, as well as a statewide coalition of legal and community advocates, to discuss and recommend policy changes around reproductive issues for incarcerated women in California. We developed and distributed thousands of “anti-shackling” brochures for incarcerated pregnant women and their allies. Our Lifelines class also collaborates with incarcerated women to share family law information and answer legal questions. The Family Unity Project continues to build productive alliances throughout the communities served.

All photos on this page taken by Scott Braley at LSFC’s annual Community Giveback, where children receive bikes and toys on behalf of their incarcerated parents, and write thank you letters to their parents.
ADVOCACY PROJECT

Members of California Families Against Solitary Confinement, Prisoner Hunger Strike Solidarity coalition, and other allies celebrate at the press conference announcing the Pelican Bay settlement.

LANDMARK SETTLEMENT IN PELICAN BAY LAWSUIT

In 2015 we settled Ashker v. Brown, significantly limiting the duration and use of torturous solitary confinement in all California prisons. The lawsuit arose from prisoner-led hunger strikes in 2011, and we included community organizing in our litigation strategy. Well over a thousand people will be released from solitary to general population, where they can receive contact visits with their loved ones. Working closely with our incarcerated plaintiffs, we are monitoring the implementation of the settlement agreement.
Gabriel Huerta, a plaintiff in Ashker v. Brown, with his wife, CFASC member and tireless activist Irene Huerta. For the first time in 30 years, Gabriel and Irene were able to share a contact visit.

Hunger Strike icon designed in solidarity by renowned prison artist Kevin “Rashid” Johnson.

As a result of the government’s dismissal of Scott v. Bowen, 60,000 formerly incarcerated people in California released under criminal justice realignment have had their voting rights secured.

Drawing: By J. Heshima Denham, formerly in Corcoran SHU, now released to general population after the settlement

FINAL VICTORIES

This year we also saw a final victory in Sassman v. Brown, so now incarcerated fathers and other men will now be eligible to apply for placement in the Alternative Custody Program.

Photo: Steve Czifra, director of UC Berkeley’s Underground Scholars Initiative for formerly incarcerated students, with son.
LSPC SUPPORTERS

INDIVIDUALS
Anonymous (9)
Fred Abdullah
Dave Abercrombie & Carol Strickman
Keith Alsaker
Phyllis Annett
D.M. Austin
David Baer
Jane Barbarow
Jonathan Barber
Nancy Barrett & Peter Clapp
Ellen Barry
Jennifer Beach & Ted Nace
Cile Beatty
Victoria Becker
Andrea Bible
Iris Biblowitz
Stephen Bingham
Bradley Bjorlo
Joani Blank
Diana Block & Claude Marks
Daniel Bort
Mary Boyd
Donna Bransford
Dale Brodsky & Robert Brooks
Laurel Brody
Edward Bronson
Joe Brooks
Sam Brooks
China Brotsky & Daniel Roth
William Burdette
Jason Bucy & Sasha Vodnik
Thomas Burrows
John Burton & Helen Dang Poa
Lila Caffery
Susan Castagnetto
William Burdette
Julia Chaplin
Salome Chasnoff
Victor Chechanover
Nina Chiappa
Timothy Choi
Dean Clegg
Jennifer Colasuonno
Chris Conrad & Mikki Norris
Hamdiya Cooks-Abdullah
Emily Corwin
Marjorie Cosnhear
Anna Couey & Michael Robin
Paul Cumpian
Ron Daniels
Angela Y. Davis
Sara Davis
Martin DelJulia
Quinn Delaney & Wayne Jordan
Eric Diamond
John DiGiacinto
Elizabeth Donaldson-Dante & Jennifer Dante
Margaret Dooley-Sammuli & Brian Sammuli
Sally Douglas & Francisco Arce
Marta Drury & Kerry Lobel
Derethia Duval & Juanita Duval
Trysten DuVal
Jerry Elster
Karina Epperlein
Elizabeth Erlich
Pamela Fadem
Michael Falk & Lynne Prather
Simia Fatemizadeh
Claire Feder & Ernest Gortein
Rhonda Findling
Susan Fisher
Jason Fleetwood-Boldt
Rebecca Flournoy
Sam Frankel & Mary Lou Watson
Jonathan Franklin
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Gregory Freiberg
Mark Fujiwara
Jerome Geffner
Margo George & Catherine Karras
Ken & Mary Gergen
Andy Getz
Elio Gizzi
Robert & Dorothy Gloyd
Miye Goishi
Deborah Gold
Alfred Goldberg
Sheila Goldmacher
Sonia Gonzales
Chance Grable
Lillian Grable
G. G. Greenhouse
Mary Ellen Greenlee
Geraldine Gregg
Ray Grott
Mary Hadley
Beth Hall
Tim Hallahan
Scott Handelman
Craig Haney & Aida Hurtado
Donna Harati
Kyle Hardgrave
Gail Harrington
John & Diana Harrington
Amina Hassan
Jesse Hathaway
B. T. Heiner
Christopher Hendrix
Gloria Henegar
Aundre Herron
Eliza Hersh & Jeremy Goldman
Eve Hershcopf
Adrienne Hirt & Jeffrey C. Rodman
Cate Hollenbeck
Jared Horowitz
Katelyn Huckins
Nancy Jacot-Bell
Todd Jailer & Sarah Shannon
Pat Jameson-Amwall
Annie Lou Kane
Betty Kano
Jane Kaplan & Donatello Bonato
Pamela Rosin Kaplan
Arwa Kaso
Doris Katzen
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Matthew Kintz
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Dorie Klein
Cathy Kornblith
Terry Kupers
Judah Lakin
Thao Lam
Gilad Landan
Ilyana Landes
Arthur League
Hon. Barbara Lee
Kimi Lee
Nancy Lemon
Debby Lennon & Alan Heblack
Ruth Levin
Adam Levine
Jody Lewitter & Marc Van Der Hout
Virginia Leyva
Margaret Littlefield
Patricia Littlefield
Rosa Lowinger
Suzanne Ludlum
Michael Lyon
Martin MacKerel
Kirin Malavade
Michael Marcum
Toni Martin
Sharon Martinas
John McCurley
Joe McDonald
Cynthia McPherson
Fred McWilliams
Tom Meisenheimer
Barbara Michel
Joyce Miller
Mahzad Mohajer
Sam Mondry-Cohen
Kate Monico Klein
CALIFORNIA VICTORIES

As a result of our leadership development efforts, formerly incarcerated people and family members were an integral part of achieving significant legislative victories last year. We mobilized community support to achieve the passage of Starting Over Strong (SB 504), eliminating the fee for sealing juvenile records for people 26 years and younger. Our advocacy also helped pass SB 405, allowing individuals to schedule court proceedings without first paying fines and fees, thus clearing a hurdle for low-income people to retain their drivers’ licenses.

LSPC staff attorney Endria Richardson co-wrote – with members of the S.F. Fair Chance Committee – Not Just a Ferguson Problem, detailing how traffic court procedures and fees drive inequality in California.

Starting Over Strong graphic designed by Youth Justice Coalition in LA and used in youth-led organizing around SB 504. LSPC worked with a coalition of organizers to pass Starting Over Strong, including Tony Coleman of One Fam, the campaign originator.
IMPACT ON A NATIONAL SCALE

Our national campaign for an executive order to Ban the Box yielded an important victory – President Obama issued a memorandum to Ban the Box for federal government agencies! Also, with other formerly incarcerated leaders, we continued our meetings with high-level federal officials at the White House and the Federal Interagency Reentry Council. As a result, formerly incarcerated people across the country will have greater access to public housing, and Pell grants will now be available for people in prisons.

Top: LSPC executive director Dorsey Nunn was one of the leaders at a Washington DC march calling for President Obama to Ban the Box. Bottom: All Of Us Or None member Lenise Devers with Lillie Branch-Kennedy from Richmond, VA.

LSPC staff member Manuel La Fontaine speaking Truth to Power in Washington, DC.
POLICY TRAINING

LSPC is committed to building the leadership of people from communities directly impacted by incarceration to speak, lead, and organize in our own voices. This year we expanded our Policy Academies to include legislative advocacy training for several youth organizations. Our 2015 Quest for Democracy Advocacy Day drew over 300 formerly incarcerated people and family members to Sacramento for policy training, making connections, and speaking with legislators.
PROP 47 WORK

LSPC is a strong leader in progressive implementation of Prop 47 in California. Our Prop 47 clinics, held in East Palo Alto, Sacramento, and Hayward, have enabled hundreds of formerly incarcerated people to reduce felonies. We have also provided thousands of prisoners in state prisons and jails with Prop 47 legal information. Our annual Reentry Law Conference brought together hundreds of family members, attorneys, and allies from across the state to learn about Prop 47 as well as successful reentry strategies.

Sign outside our Prop 47 Clinic held in Sacramento, organized by Aaliyah Muhammad.

All of Us or None member Bonita Wright explains Prop 47 application during community outreach event in East Palo Alto.

Danielle Jones, a supervising attorney at Stanford Community Law Clinic, helps a client at our Prop 47 Record Clearing Day.

Formerly incarcerated people, advocates for prison abolition and civil rights, and public defenders convened at LSPC’s Prop 47 Community Forum in San Francisco.
Dorsey Nunn speaking at the ACLU Northern California chapter’s annual Bill of Rights Day. The award recognized his leadership in voting rights work and the Ban the Box campaign.

LSPC

AWARD-WINNING MOVEMENT WORK

We are grateful to our friends and allies for honoring the work of LSPC and All of Us or None this past year with several significant awards:

- **The Chief Justice Earl Warren Award**: from the ACLU of Northern California to our Executive Director, Dorsey E. Nunn

- **Community Partner Award**: from the East Bay Community Law Center to All of Us or None for 10 years of Clean Slate work

- **The UC Berkeley Chancellor’s Award for Public Service**: to All of Us or None, for our exemplary campus-community partnership with the Underground Scholars Initiative for formerly incarcerated students.

All of Us or None members celebrate receiving the East Bay Community Law Center’s Community Partner Award.
2015 FINANCIALS
Balance Sheet December 31, 2015

ASSETS
Current Assets
Cash 876,643
Grants and Accounts Receivable 221,926
Other Current Assets 24,640
TOTAL ASSETS 1,123,209

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS
Current Liabilities
Accounts Payable 21,640
Accrued Vacation 5,720
Other Current Liabilities 17,554
TOTAL LIABILITIES 44,914

Net Assets
Unrestricted 236,430
Temporarily Restricted 841,865
TOTAL NET ASSETS 1,078,295

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS 1,123,209

Income Statement January 1 – December 31, 2015

REVENUE
Individual Donations 238,785
Grants 795,292
In-Kind Contributions 11,115
Earned Income 39,250
TOTAL REVENUE 1,084,443

EXPENSES
Program 946,536
Management & General 111,922
Fundraising 124,187
TOTAL EXPENSES 1,182,645
NET INCOME (98,203)

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LSPC organizes communities impacted by the criminal justice system and advocates to release incarcerated people, to restore human and civil rights and to reunify families and communities. We build public awareness of structural racism in policing, the courts and prison system and we advance racial and gender justice in all our work. Our strategies include legal support, trainings, advocacy, public education, grassroots mobilization and developing community partnerships.