The ACLU of Oregon works in courts, in the legislature, and in communities to protect and advance our civil rights and liberties. We work so our democracy can better serve all people.

We are committed to centering the individuals and intersectional communities historically disenfranchised by institutions and systems: Black people, Indigenous people, people of color, gender non-conforming people, people with disabilities, LGBT+, low-income people, immigrants, incarcerated people, refugees, and all other historically-targeted groups.

Our role is to be a principled visionary – not just to respond to crises, but to create openings for the envisioning and creation of a more just, equitable, and caring Oregon.

**WHAT WE DO**

- **WE BUILD** community by engaging and activating the public in issues affecting them at the state and local levels.
- **WE ADVOCATE** for legislation at the state and local levels that furthers our mission for a more just, equitable, and caring Oregon.
- **WE FIGHT** in the courts on behalf of people in our community, using our values as a compass for which fights we choose.
- **WE INFORM** the people of their rights, and empower the public to use their rights to create a better, stronger democracy.
- **WE EDUCATE** the public on the complex web of systems and actors that can act as barriers to transformative justice work.
BUILDING A MORE JUST, EQUITABLE, AND CARING OREGON — FOR AND BY ALL OF US.

OUR WORK

We work in partnership and collaboration with communities and organizations across the state to respond to civil liberties and civil rights issues. Justice work should aim to honor the whole humanity of a person which includes a person’s race, ethnicity, class, sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, and other social categorizations. These facets of a person are interconnected, as are the many systems we live within: criminal, legal, health, education, labor, and so many others. We work for human-centered solutions rooted in justice, equity, and care.

Our integrated advocacy approach aims to find solutions as multifaceted as the issues themselves. We coordinate our tools of legal expertise, legislative advocacy, public education and storytelling campaigns, and the people power of our community to impact statewide policies and movements. Our program teams work in alignment with each other and our values so we are practicing internally what we strive for externally.

Based on these shared organizational values, the ACLU of Oregon is embracing the principles of Community-Centric Fundraising (CCF). The collective power of our community, through contributions of active engagement, money, and time with our issue areas, fuels our movement to advance civil rights and civil liberties for all.

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