



The Amara Legal Center envisions a society where our clients are free from stigma, violence, oppression, exploitation, and criminalization.

Support Survivors & Participate in Amara's 2021-2022 "Circle of Hope" Campaign to Raise \$50,000



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Join the Amara Legal Center, as we kick-off our 2021-2022 "Circle of Hope" Fundraising Campaign, this holiday season! You can make a difference in the lives of so many survivors of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation whose desperate cries for help often go unheard. Participate in the Amara Legal Center's "Circle of Hope" Campaign to support our commitment to community, equity and justice. Let survivors know they are not alone.

Make a donation to the Amara Legal Center today!



WHY IS OUR WORK IMPORTANT?

The judicial system in the United States is slow to respond, and, without a coordinated community-based response to sex trafficking, many survivors are often re-victimized and criminalized. As a result, survivors are often relegated to the shadows of society, suffering severe abuse and trauma at the hands of their traffickers. This makes getting out of the “life” terrifying and perpetuates a cycle of exploitation.

The Amara Legal Center works to break this cycle. Amara is the only legal aid organization in the DC-metro region solely dedicated to providing trauma-informed legal services to survivors of sex trafficking and those who have been harmed by the commercial sex industry. Since its founding in 2013, Amara has provided legal services in almost 800 case matters for over 500 clients. We look at our work through a racial and social justice lens, applying a holistic approach to helping clients navigate the legal system. The majority of Amara’s clients are U.S. born, Black, cis- and trans- women, ages 18-29, survivors of sex trafficking, some as young as 12 years-old, who experience homelessness, mental health issues, severe trauma, and live below the federal poverty guideline.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Help us amplify the voices of survivors, elevate the discussion, and break the injustice faced by survivors by becoming a "Circle of Hope" donor. Your contribution will help Amara provide 100 survivors with free legal services and give them hope as they move forward in their journeys towards healing!

What Do Your Donations do to Help Survivors?

Help Amara Level the Legal Playing Field for Survivors with Your Donations!

\$25 - Pays for one client's legal filings

\$50 - Pays for advocacy for one client's rights



Your donations are critical to supporting the work that Amara does for our clients!

Because traffickers use force, fraud and coercion to lure individuals, our civil legal services are essential to helping victims escape their traffickers and abusers, restoring relationships with their children through

\$100 - Pays for one client's legal intake

\$500 - Pays for one client's expungement to clear their criminal record

\$1,000 - Pays for one client's full representation for family reunification



visitation or reunification, and accessing safety planning resources. Civil protection orders offer clients a form of safety from their trafficker, former sex buyer, or a violent partner. Name change petitions are often central to successful safety planning, and allow our transgender clients the opportunity to live a life where their name and gender marker legally conforms with their identity.

Our attorneys understand the dynamics of trauma bonding, trafficker manipulation, and the return to prostitution due to trauma. Our victim-witness advocacy services ensure clients understand their rights and engage in the legal system as much as they want and are legally able when they are subpoenaed to testify. When desired, Amara attorneys help clients file charges against exploiters who stalk them, post nude photos, or commit other crimes against them.

You Can Become an Amara Fundraiser

Peer-to-Peer Fundraising Opportunity

We are asking individuals to rally their friends, family, and networks to support the Amara Legal Center's work. By becoming a fundraiser for the Amara Legal Center, you will help to break the cycle of exploitation and foster a more equitable legal outcome for many marginalized and vulnerable populations. Just visit our [Campaign page](#), and click "Start Fundraising" button to create your own "Circle of Hope" campaign page, set your fundraising goal and begin raising money to help Amara advance its mission!



"Circle of Hope" Campaign Highlights



Looking Ahead & What You Can Expect:

- Videos from Board members, staff, interns and volunteers over the next 12 months.
- 2021 Annual Report Published on Giving Tuesday, November 30th
- "Circle of Hope" Speaker Series in January 2022 in Honor of Human Trafficking Awareness Month.
- "Circle of Hope" Gala in Spring 2022

**HELP SURVIVORS
RESTORE
THEIR DIGNITY &
THEIR LIVES!**



Become A Monthly "Circle of Hope" Donor Today!



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