

# Juneteenth

# THE FREEDOM DAY

#### Every human being has the right to be free

#### Acknowledging Juneteenth: Celebrating Freedom, Empowering Change

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At Amara Legal Center, we are committed to supporting survivors of sex trafficking and individuals impacted by the commercial sex industry, and this month, we want to highlight the interconnectedness of our mission and the spirit of Juneteenth. Juneteenth serves as a powerful reminder that freedom and justice are not just abstract concepts but ongoing journeys that require collective action.

It urges us to reflect on the progress made and the work that lies ahead to create a more inclusive and equitable society. As we celebrated Juneteenth last week, we have been reminded of the importance of amplifying the voices of survivors and working towards dismantling systemic injustices that perpetuate exploitation. We stand with survivors, advocating for their rights and offering free legal services as they find healing and justice. Juneteenth fuels our commitment to dismantling oppressive systems and fostering a community where freedom, equality, and justice flourish.

Join us in honoring Juneteenth by spreading awareness, promoting education, and supporting work that uplifts marginalized communities. Together, we can make a meaningful difference and create a future where every individual can live with dignity, free from exploitation.

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# AMARA LEGAL CENTER

#### **Embracing Pride, Amplifying Resilience**

During this Pride Month, we honor the resilience and strength of the LGBTQ+ community, recognizing the unique challenges they face both inside and outside of the courtroom.

Facing high rates of discrimination and violence, LGBTQ+ youth are often targeted by traffickers who seek to exploit them.

Recognizing the limited resources available to LGBTQ+ youth and the challenges in accessing these resources, Amara is committed to serving as an ally to LGBTQ+ survivors seeking legal and social support.

This month, we stand alongside our LGTBQ+ partners and clients to celebrate the courage, diversity, and resilience of the LGBTQ+ community in overcoming barriers and paving a new path based on rights and respect for all. Happy Pride!



#### The E-Learning Trafficking Education Collaboration

The Amara Legal Center is excited to announce that we have received an Opportunity Grant through the American Bar Endowment to create virtual training modules for medical professionals, law enforcement, and legal service providers to learn how to identify sex trafficking survivors and the legal issues they face.

Amara extends an invitation to survivors, medical professionals, and law enforcement personnel to contribute as consultants during the development of our training curricula and virtual modules. We value your expertise and insights in shaping this important initiative. If you have experience in any of these fields and share our passion for combating sex trafficking, we encourage you to get in touch with Keith Pollard, our Program Coordinator. He can be reached at keith.pollard@amaralegal.org.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to learn more about how you can contribute.

#### Volunteer and Donor Appreciation Happy Hour July 13th, 6pm



We deeply appreciate your support! We would like to extend a special invitation to all volunteers, donors, and supporters to join us for a delightful happy hour at Sonny's Pizza on July 13th at 6:00 PM. This gathering will be a wonderful opportunity for us to come together and express our gratitude for your generous contributions.

Thanks to the incredible support we receive from our dedicated volunteers and donors, Amara is able to provide crucial legal services to survivors of sex trafficking and sex workers at no cost. Your involvement has made a significant impact on our ability to support our clients and their legal goals.

We look forward to sharing this joyful occasion with you at Sonny's Pizza. Your presence will make the event even more memorable.

Register here to join us on July 13th!



#### **Open Positions**

## **Part-Time Maryland Staff Attorney**

Amara is seeking a part-time attorney (10-15 hours per week) with a minimum of 1-3 years of litigation experience to provide trauma-informed civil legal services in Maryland. Practice areas include family law, civil protection orders, name and gender marker changes, criminal record relief, and victim witness advocacy. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and list of three references to recruiting@amaralegal.org.

## **Communications Intern**

Amara is seeking an intern to provide graphic design, social media and communications support. The ideal candidate is currently pursuing a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Communications or a related field and is passionate about Amara's mission. To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to <u>recruiting@amaralegal.org</u>.



#### **Summer Intakes Have Begun**

Amara's dedicated staff is ready to provide on-site legal intakes and conduct informative Know Your Rights workshops at drop-in centers, shelters, and community centers across DC. If you or your organization are interested in hosting Amara's services, we warmly encourage you to contact Keith Pollard, our Program Coordinator, at <u>keith.pollard@amaralegal.org</u>. By reaching out to Keith, you can be added to our summer schedule and make arrangements for our team to visit your location.

We believe in the importance of making our services easily accessible to those who need them the most. By collaborating with various organizations and community centers, we can effectively reach survivors of sex trafficking and sex workers, ensuring they receive the support and legal guidance they deserve.

Please don't hesitate to contact Keith Pollard to discuss hosting opportunities and secure a spot on our summer schedule. We look forward to partnering with you in our shared mission of supporting survivors and sex workers in our community.

#### Donate to our Pathways To Justice Campaign

Amara is here to provide free legal services to sex trafficking survivors and sex workers in the District of Columbia, contact Amara at 240-257-6492 today.

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