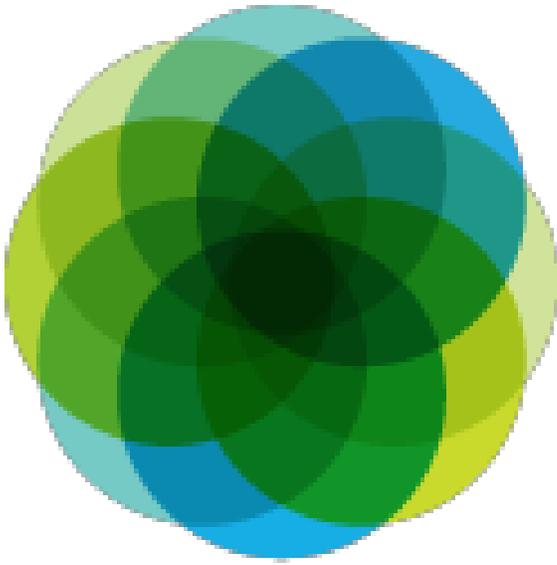


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There is no safety for survivors without economic security

2016 Impact Report

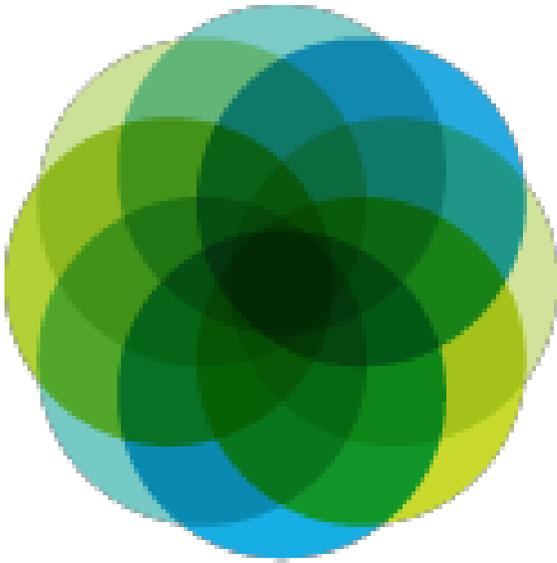




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CSAJ envisions a world where all people have equal access to physical safety, economic security, and human dignity.

CSAJ's mission is to develop and promote advocacy approaches that remove systemic barriers, enhance organizational responses, and improve professional practices to meet the self-defined needs of domestic and sexual violence survivors.



2016 Levels of Impact

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Enhanced individual advocacy for survivors by:

Training **1,438 practitioners in 6 national trainings** on consumer and economic advocacy ([archives](#)).

Developed and released **advocacy and systems change briefs** on credit reporting, payday lending, survivor centered economic advocacy, and tax ([Resource Library](#)).

Creating a **Guidebook on Consumer and Economic Civil Legal Advocacy for Survivors**

Partnering with JPMorgan Chase to develop an **Accounting for Economic Security Atlas** to help advocates map, navigate, and change the economic landscape

Created community and organizational reform through in-depth demonstration site work that led to:

Women's Resource Center developed a Community Council, comprised of over 20 partners focused upon enhancing economic justice for survivors in Lackawanna County, PA

Denver University Law School integrated economic justice into their curriculum for third year students and led workshops at the Colorado Advocacy in Action Conference and Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance Conference igniting economic advocacy for survivors throughout the state

Indiana Legal Services expanded tax advocacy for survivors by creating linkages between low income tax clinics and advocates, and expanding online communications.

Texas Council on Family Violence leveraged collaborations to advocate for housing policy changes that address the needs of survivors living in poverty.

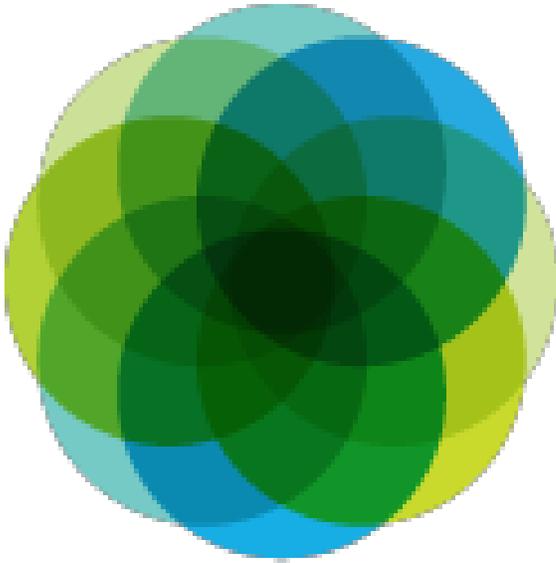
Identification of two **Impact Sites** that will apply Race Equity Tools to address the systemic barriers facing survivors of color.

Fostered policy and systems change through:

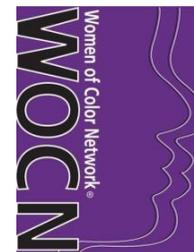
Submitted **Comments to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau** demonstrating the impact of payday lending on survivors of domestic violence and asking for CFPB to strengthen regulations on the payday lending industry. ([press release](#))

Increasing public awareness about the link between poverty and domestic violence through media coverage in **US News & World Report** ([read](#)) and offering **Reflections on the Implications of Police Violence on the Anti-Violence Against Women Movement** ([read](#)).

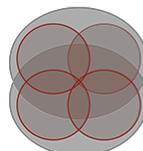
Launched a National Survey on Economic Barriers Facing Survivors of Color, which will guide the development of a **National Impact Agenda**



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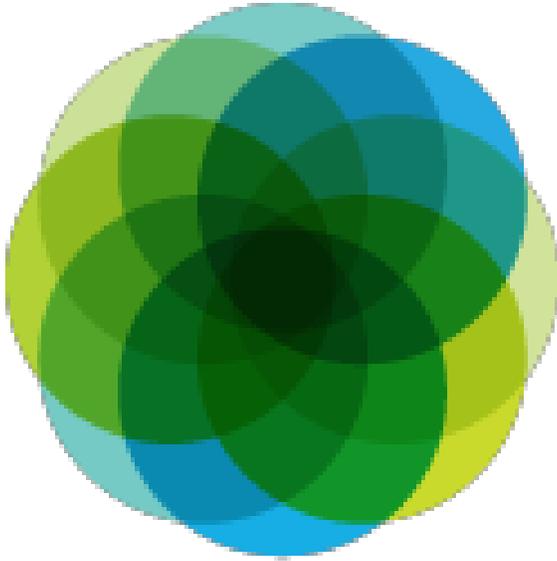
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