



## 2020 Legislative Agenda

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### **Sexual Violence Services Funding - HB 2391**

A person is sexually assaulted every 98 seconds in the United States. Despite this, Arizona is one of the few states that does not provide funding for sexual assault services such as support groups, sexual assault specific advocates, 24/7 crisis lines and trauma informed therapists. Arizona needs to support survivors of sexual violence with funding for victim-centered services, including an expansion of current services and the introduction of 24/7 sexual assault specific services available to those who experience this trauma.

### **Repeal of Parental Rights of Rapists - SB1355**

In Arizona, those who are convicted of rape lose parental rights over children conceived during the sexual assault. However, only 2 of every 100 reported sexual assaults result in felony convictions, leaving many perpetrators still in possession of their parental rights. This leads to survivors of sexual assault being forced to have shared custody, visitation and other contact with the person who sexually assaulted them. This is dangerous to both the children and the survivor. In cases of sexual violence, family court should be able to use a clear and convincing evidence standard without a conviction requirement to remove the parental rights from perpetrators and restore safety.

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Our mission is to end sexual and domestic violence in Arizona by dismantling oppression and promoting equity among all people.

#### **Legislative Principles**

Economic Justice | Over Criminalization | Sexual Violence Services  
Reproductive Justice | Child Welfare | Firearms  
Other Areas of Interest