

Policy Work

SRLP works to change policies that create obstacles to full inclusion and equal access for transgender, intersex, and gender non-conforming people.

SRLP addresses both the root causes and effects of discrimination and violence on the basis of gender identity and expression. We work on issues that disproportionately affect transgender people of color and low-income transgender people: overexposure to police harassment and immigration enforcement, discrimination and harassment in criminal justice settings, and lack of access to identity documents, Medicaid and public assistance, housing, employment, and education.

Using a multi-strategy approach, we actualize change at every level of the system: we provide direct legal services to meet immediate needs; bring litigation and work on policy reform for systemic change; and utilize public education, leadership development and community organizing for long-term sustainable impact.

Our policy work and litigation, usually undertaken in broad-based coalitions, has led to many important victories, including winning the first appellate case in New York State affirming the right of trans prisoners to obtain name changes without providing medical evidence, successfully pushing the Department of Justice to include meaningful protections for incarcerated transgender people within the final rule implementing the Prison Rape Elimination Act, bringing an end to New York Medicaid's blanket exclusion of transgender healthcare, and winning policies to remove barriers to accessing gender-affirming ID in New York City.

SRLP provides free legal services to low-income people and people of color who are facing gender identity discrimination.

If you need assistance in obtaining **identification** that shows your correct name and gender, we may be able to help you.

If you have been discriminated against:

- while trying to access a **shelter** or other **housing**,
- at the hands of the **police** or **corrections**,
- by **immigration** officials,

or in any other context, please contact us.

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is located in an elevator building.

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Support

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MISSION

The Sylvia Rivera Law Project (SRLP) works to guarantee that all people are free to self-determine their gender identity and expression, regardless of income or race, and without facing harassment, discrimination, or violence. SRLP is a collective organization founded on the understanding that gender self-determination is inextricably intertwined with racial, social, and economic justice. Therefore, we seek to increase the political voice and visibility of low-income people and people of color who are transgender, intersex, or gender non-conforming. SRLP works to improve access to respectful and affirming social, health, and legal services for our communities. We believe that in order to create meaningful political participation and leadership, we must have access to basic means of survival and safety from violence.

Direct Representation

The Sylvia Rivera Law Project provides free legal assistance to low-income people and people of color facing gender identity discrimination. Our legal services are geared toward helping our clients meet their basic survival needs by ending the discrimination that results in disproportionate poverty and incarceration. SRLP represents clients in a variety of contexts including name changes, obtaining gender-affirming identity documents, access to health care, immigration law, and prisoner rights. We operate a weekly drop-in clinic from February-October at our Manhattan office, and periodic clinics in the outer boroughs. SRLP strives to provide all of our services in an environment where gender identity self-determination is valued and respected

Since inception, SRLP has provided free legal services to over 2,500 trans and gender non-conforming people facing discrimination. We have educated and trained over 8,500 service providers, students, attorneys and community members about transgender awareness and legal issues. We have published an important report challenging the brutal treatment of transgender women in New York State men's prisons and nine Know Your Rights brochures to build skills and knowledge in our communities.

Trainings

SRLP trains legal and social service providers on how to make their services welcoming and accessible to transgender, intersex, and gender non-conforming people, and on how to spot and properly address gender identity-related issues

in legal and social service cases. We also create training materials that can be distributed more broadly to raise awareness amongst service providers, schools, and other institutions about creating safe and accessible environments for people facing gender identity discrimination. For information on our video, Toilet Training, which focuses on access to bathrooms for transgender and gender non-conforming people, please visit our website at www.srlp.org.

Movement Building

As a legal organization, our movement building work is centered on building the participation and leadership of SRLP's communities in the programmatic work of the organization. We host ongoing events that serve as an entry point to the organization and focuses on building power through workshops, skillshares, political education, discussion, and connection to policy and campaign work. Through our membership structure and Prisoner Advisory Committee, we build and maintain relationships with community members, increasing their capacity to participate in SRLP's work, and in our larger movements for social justice.

Our leadership development and community building work has increased the political voice and visibility of transgender, gender non-conforming and intersex people of color in our movements for social justice.

