



# THE WAY TO JUSTICE

Monthly Newsletter

## WE SECURED 44 ORDERS VACATING, SEALING, OR PROVIDING OTHER RELIEF TO OUR JUSTICE-IMPACTED CLIENTS IN APRIL



This April, The Way to Justice celebrated "Justice Month," inspired by the Prison Fellowship's Second Chances Month, a nationwide campaign to remove barriers and expand opportunities for millions of Americans with a criminal record, which originally launched in 2017.

At the Way to Justice, we recognize that our clients and their loved ones have been unjustly impacted by our legal system. Too often, access to justice is denied due to poverty and structural bias. In our work, we focus on addressing systemic racism, removing barriers, empowering the most vulnerable, and amplifying the voices of the impacted community to create a more just system. We understand that change will not happen overnight, so another aspect of our work is focused on navigating systems as they are, to find THE WAY TO JUSTICE.

"In the United States, nearly 1 in 3 adults has a criminal record, which limits their access to education, jobs, housing, voting, and other things necessary for a full and productive life. Even after their debt to society is paid, these men and women face some 44,000 documented barriers to success, in addition to widespread social stigma. This all occurs against the backdrop of the criminal justice system's stark racial imbalances. People of color—particularly Black Americans—are disproportionately represented at every stage of the U.S. criminal justice system, from arrest to reintegration. Now more than ever, it is crucial that we continue the important work of raising awareness about the challenges men and women face upon reentry as they seek health care, housing, and employment." From the Prison Fellowship website: <https://www.prisonfellowship.org>

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## 20 YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN OUR YOUTH EMPOWERMENT CLINIC AT THE HIVE LIBRARY, "FINDING THEIR GIFTS"

During Spring Break, The Way to Justice co-hosted a week-long clinic through our Youth Empowerment Program called, "Finding Your Gifts." During the week-long clinic, local youth were immersed in song, dance, and drama classes. Youth were encouraged to "find their gifts" of self expression through creativity and collaboration. At the end of the clinic, the participants put on a performance for their families and loved ones, and everyone enjoyed a delicious meal catered by De Leon's. The Way to Justice would like to thank all of the participants and their families for making this such a successful and rewarding clinic. A very special thank you goes out to co-facilitators Latrice Williams and Quanika Bynum!



## THE WAY CELEBRATED EARTH DAY AT RIVERFRONT PARK

The Way to Justice celebrated Earth Day at Riverfront Park at the Pavilion, offering information and resources to the community. We also hosted terrarium-building and birdhouse decorating activities at our table and gave away wildflower seeds and swag. We enjoyed meeting everyone who stopped by to learn about our programs or make their own mini-terrarium.

Thank you for supporting us!

Follow us on social media for upcoming youth empowerment opportunities!

April is Justice Month

Earth Day 2022!

April 22 from 1:45-4 pm -- The Pavillion at Riverfront Park

Stop by our table for FREE swag

Wildflower seeds  
Terrarium-building  
& Birdhouse-decorating activities!

THE WAY TO JUSTICE  
"Planting Seeds of Hope Along the Road to Justice."

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The poster features a globe, a bee, a birdhouse, a terrarium, and sunflowers.

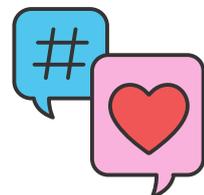
# OUR OUTREACH TEAM "HONORED MOTHER EARTH" AT A DRIVE-THRU EVENT AT THE AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER ON APRIL 29TH



Erica and Cameron represented The Way to Justice on Friday April 29th 10-2 pm at the American Indian Community Center. The Way to Justice set up a tent alongside our community partners, offering information and resources about our programs and services.

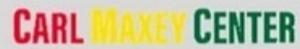
There was a drive-thru food bank, free lunch, resources, and swag bags for everyone who came to the event.

Our outreach team enjoyed visiting with the community and meeting new people! Thanks to the American Indian Community Center for hosting this wonderful event! Thank you to our partners and supporters for showing up!



Follow The Way to Justice on facebook and Instagram for upcoming events!

*Thanks for another  
successful Justice Night!*



JUSTICE ON THE ROAD



**THE WAY**  
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**Summer 2022**

**Tri-Cities  
Pierce & Yakima  
Counties**

**The Way to Justice is  
offering legal services across  
the state this summer!**

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Check our social media pages and website for upcoming events