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reform, rebuilding, transformation

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Through advocacy, Ascend Justice aims to radically transform existing systems and rebuild new ones in order to reduce systemic harm and meet the needs for safety, stability, wellbeing, connection and healing of individuals, families, and communities impacted by gender-based violence and the child welfare system.

our priorities



Domestic violence,
sexual violence,
trafficking, and stalking



Child welfare and
constitutional rights
of parents



Systems-impacted survivors,
criminalization of survivors,
and women's incarceration



Access to justice



Civil orders of protection



Immigration and
gender-based violence



Poverty and
economic justice



Expansion of
mental health supports

our methods

➤ **Legislation:** We work with partners and the Illinois legislature to craft new laws, strengthen existing laws, and oppose laws that are harmful to survivors

➤ **Litigation:** We file class action and civil rights impact litigation and participate in and/or write amicus briefs in support of survivors

➤ **Media:** We provide expert interviews and background on domestic violence, child welfare, and related policies and best practices to journalists

➤ **Programs:** We create, launch, and support programs that reduce harm, transform systems, and meet the needs of survivors and families

➤ **Outreach:** We draft curriculum and deliver trainings to systems partners and players that advance the priorities of our advocacy platform

➤ **Collaboration:** We partner with stakeholder groups and join task forces and committees to amplify our platform and reach