

2024: A Year of Transformation and Impact

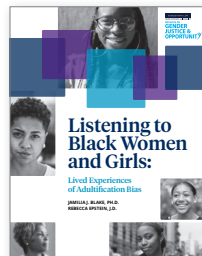
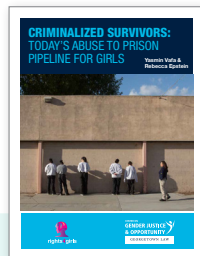
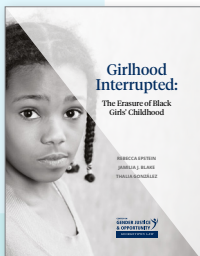
As the year comes to a close, we at the Center on Gender Justice & Opportunity are reflecting on our partnerships and the progress we achieved in 2024—while bracing for a period in which our community may face its greatest threats yet. With gender and racial justice gravely at risk, our work is even more critical. This is the time to remain steadfast in our commitment. Please read on to see our key accomplishments from the past year.



Core Milestones: Highlights from 2024

Training the Field to Drive Systemic Change

Our flagship reports on adultification bias (2017, 2019) and the sexual-abuse-to-prison pipeline for girls (2015, 2023) were both pioneering publications when released, identifying these major issues in our culture and public systems and inspiring action across sectors. The Center continues to serve as a leader in the field to root out adultification bias against Black girls and end the criminalization of survivors of gender-based violence. In 2024, our trainings on adultification bias and the sexual-abuse-to-prison pipeline equipped hundreds of prosecutors, judges, healthcare professionals, and other practitioners with data, insights, and practical solutions—transforming how they understand and engage with these issues.



BY THE NUMBERS

Trainings in 2024



12 TRAININGS
 of judges, attorneys,
 students, and advocates



3 PUBLIC SECTORS
 courts, prosecutors, and
 the healthcare system



635 PARTICIPANTS

Justice for Youth Survivors Initiative (JYSI)

In September, in partnership with the National Black Women's Justice Institute, we launched the Justice for Youth Survivors Initiative—a groundbreaking project to transform legal policies and practices and keep survivors of gender-based violence safe and out of the justice system. Guided by our youth advisors and expert advisory board, JYSI will elevate youth leadership, train legal professionals, and educate policymakers on ending the criminalization of survivors.

JUSTICE FOR
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INITIATIVE

Educating Future Leaders

We are proud of our affiliation with Georgetown Law and are committed to educating future legal scholars and leaders. This year, we provided mentorship and engaged students across Georgetown's college, law, and medical campuses in our work. We also hosted events with and for law students that featured experts on the criminalization of survivors of sexual violence; filmmaker and Georgetown alumna Dawn Porter; Catherine Lhamon, Assistant Secretary for the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education; and investigative journalist Rachel de Leon. These events sparked insights and perspectives that law students can bring into the classroom and their future careers.

Building Awareness

A Leading Voice: Our Research Cited Across Sectors. In 2024, our work was cited in many peer-reviewed journals, law reviews, books, mainstream media, and even consumer resources like [WebMD](#), reflecting the wide-reaching impact of our work.

Our Mission in the Spotlight. Our mission gained traction in the media in 2024, including a prominent feature on American Public Media's [Call to Mind](#), where our Executive Director Rebecca Epstein and the Center's youth storyteller-in-residence, Logan Green, spoke with host Kimberly Adams on the unique mental health burdens of Black women and girls in the United States.

Help Sustain Our Work

Our commitment to uncovering and eliminating gender and racial disparities and uplifting women, girls, and gender-expansive young people has never been more urgent. In a time that calls for resilience and unwavering resolve, our work to drive equity forward is critical.

The Center on Gender Justice & Opportunity is independently funded, relying entirely on grants and individual contributions to advance our mission. [Your support](#) allows us to conduct groundbreaking research, develop legal solutions, train practitioners to combat bias, inspire future leaders, and root our work in the lived experiences of girls, gender-expansive youth, and women.

The challenges we face demand bold action. With your support, we can continue advancing gender and racial equity and eliminate disparities across public systems. Thank you for standing with us in this mission.

