



*Justice for Girls*  
COALITION OF WASHINGTON STATE



# Annual Report 2017



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## Looking Back at 2017

Despite nearly half a century of advocacy for equitable policies, programs and practices, including recent women-driven movements for change such as #BlackLivesMatter, #MeToo, and #TimesUp, the deep seeded trauma associated with gender and race-based violence, poverty and pathways to system involvement stubbornly persist in our communities. So in 2017, the Justice for Girls Coalition worked hard on crucial fronts to keep the fight moving forward in Washington State:

1. **Advocacy:** We won a Robert Wood Johnson Interdisciplinary Research Leadership (IRL) Program grant to pilot a community organizing model to create solutions that prevent girls, who are disproportionately of color, from becoming system-involved. Partners include the Department of Early Learning (DEL), the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), and The Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center.
2. **Training & Assessment:** We developed a pilot training for the Washington Association of Juvenile Court Administrators. As a result, we now offer a one-day standard training model to other organizations and systems interested in girl-centered best practices.
3. **Movement Sustainability:** We attended the National Crittenton Foundation's *In Solidarity We Rise* Conference in D.C. gaining a front-row seat to the very best national initiatives designed to improve outcomes for and with marginalized girls. We are bringing these formats back home to spark greater collaboration toward turning ideas into impact.

### Lessons learned this year:

- *Look Across Systems.* Taking a *One Girl, Many Systems* Approach means we can no longer look at a girl's outcome solely "within" the child welfare, juvenile justice, health, or education systems. Instead, we

must advocate for “seeing the girl” and her intersectional identities, looking at reform across multiple systems, as frequently, she is involved in these simultaneously.

- *Search Nationally, Replicate Locally.* Our knowledge of best practice models from across the country, such as those in Minnesota, New York and Florida, is growing. Using these as frameworks, alongside our state’s landscape of data and systems, is a winning, efficient strategy to ensure progress.
- *Challenging the Valid Court Order (VCO) exception in Washington state, is STILL as essential as it is complicated.* Our state has among the highest rates in the nation of detaining girls for non-criminal activity. Yet repeal of the VCO exception, soon-to-be federally mandated, and proposed two years running in our legislature, continues to falter and legislators struggle to find safe alternatives to detention for these youth.

### **Where We Are Going:**

Our work moving forward centers on taking advocacy and training to the next level. To improve programs, practices, and policies for marginalized girls in our state by 2020, the Coalition will:

- Ensure professionals and youth workers across our state have tools for integrated gender-responsive hiring practices, environment, programming and staff training.
- Train professionals on girl-centered practices for supporting girls’ resiliency.
- Disseminate issue briefs on court-reform, economic opportunity, and violence.
- Convene key policymakers, legislators, and community members to identify policy solutions for supporting girls’ well-being using our issue brief recommendations.
- Collaborate with national and state-level partners to build field-level capacity to help scale innovative policies, program & practices for girls here.

Thank you to all of our generous volunteers, donors and partners. Join us to ensure that girls who face extreme hardship and marginalization have an opportunity to access better opportunities and support.

Ann MUNO, ED, The Justice for Girls Coalition of Washington State

## Statement of Financial Position

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*As of December 31, 2017*

	DEC 31 2017	DEC 31 2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets	49710.14	15960.57
Fixed Assets	876.1	1138.9
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>50582.24</b>	<b>17196.27</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
Current Liabilities	559.53	2912.72
Equity	50,026.71	14,285.55
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>50, 586.24</b>	<b>17,196.27</b>
	DEC 31 2016	DEC 31 2015
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets	15960.57	8026.64
Fixed Assets	1138.9	0
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>17196.27</b>	<b>8062.64</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
Current Liabilities	2062.72	0
Equity	15,036.75	
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>17196.27</b>	<b>8,062.64</b>

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*Thank you for your support!*



*Picture: Beyond Pink Conference*

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"Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good."

*-Maya Angelou*

Your support provides that essential ingredient of hope, and we cannot thank you enough for your contributions.

*-Ann*

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