

ADVANCEMENT PROJECT

Closing the Opportunity Gap in California

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“Advancement Project creates a necessary and unique space in our movement for advocates, researchers, and policy-makers to come together to create big change.”

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Advancement Project is a next generation, multiracial civil rights organization. In California we champion the struggle for greater equity and opportunity for all, fostering upward mobility in communities most impacted by economic and racial injustice. We build alliances and trust, use data-driven policy solutions, create innovative tools, and work alongside communities to ignite social transformation!

After years of litigating civil rights, our founders started Advancement Project in 1999 to expand the tools available to end inequity and transform the large public systems that impact the lives of millions of Californians.

Our values of audacity, capacity building, collaboration, equity, innovation, and integrity guide our work for 21st century civil rights. We rely on data to drive evidence-based solutions, innovate technology and training tools to advance the field, build partnerships between ground-level advocates and the halls of power, and broker multiracial coalitions that reflect the state's changing demographics.

OUR PROGRAMS AND THEIR IMPACT

EDUCATIONAL EQUITY expands educational opportunities and ensures appropriate school facilities for low income and disadvantaged children from birth through high school graduation.

We showed the crisis in day care and preschool availability that five years of deep cuts have caused – www.SaveMySeatLA.org.

Through successful collaboration among several key Early Care and Education (ECE) groups, including Advancement Project, California passed one of the nation's largest early education programs – transitional kindergarten for 120,000 four year olds.

The “Water Cooler”, a statewide network of 500 ECE advocates and providers, ensures more coordinated and successful policy interventions with the Legislature.

Secured

\$1 Billion

education dollars to increase equity for high-need students





“Advancement Project was built to be a solutions factory, to construct an America that works for everyone.”

Connie Rice
Founding Co-Director



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EQUITY IN PUBLIC FUNDS transforms the relationship between City Hall and high-need communities, by empowering communities to engage in the budget and funding fights that matter to them and become high-impact advocates for their needs over the long haul.



HEALTH EQUITY brings about real change in the wellbeing of low-income people of color who suffer disproportionately from chronic health conditions, by ensuring their neighborhoods, schools, and health services support and enable healthy choices in California.

Health Equity believes that equitable access to a healthy life is an achievable basic human right. Yet, a person’s race, ethnicity, ZIP Code, or economic status often has a negative effect on their health outcomes. In fact, even when people try to “follow the rules” for a healthy life, conditions in their neighborhood and a lack of health services make it nearly impossible to take care of themselves and their families.



POLITICAL VOICE nurtures a healthy democracy by amplifying the voices of low-income communities of color in all political processes and ensuring that government responds to those voices.

Our goal is that all community members are able to genuinely participate in the making of effective public policy, in ways that go beyond just voting, and that governments respond equitably to community concerns. To accomplish this goal, we utilize policy advocacy, community partnerships, actionable research, and trainings.

For more than 16 years, Advancement Project has been building the skills, coalition, and political heft necessary to be the right organization at the right time to help improve the health of our democracy.

