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About Us

The American Civil Liberties Union is a non-partisan, non-profit membership organization dedicated to protecting and extending freedom, liberty and equality to all in the United States.

The work of the ACLU is based upon, but not limited to, protecting the liberties and freedoms guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, especially the Bill of Rights.

With a membership of more than 500,000 nationwide - more than 20,000 in Illinois - the ACLU advances its goals through litigating, lobbying and educating the public on a broad array of issues affecting our liberties.

The Roger Baldwin Foundation, the tax-deductible arm of the ACLU of Illinois, was founded in 1969, allowing the organization to greatly expand its litigation and educational programs. As a result, the ACLU not only has been able to substantially increase the number of cases it litigates, but also to pursue complex, precedent-setting cases which have a wide impact.

Above: ACLU of Illinois members and staff gather before marching in the 2007 Chicago Gay Pride Parade.

Thank You

Dear Friends and Supporters of the ACLU of Illinois:

The American Civil Liberties Union has a proud history of defending basic constitutional rights and protecting those values that define our democracy. The work of the Roger Baldwin Foundation of the ACLU of Illinois encompasses advocacy of both state-wide and national significance. Your support allows us to continue to fight for the rights of our most vulnerable citizens.

Our most important state-wide efforts this past year include:

- Continuing advocacy on behalf of the children detained in chaotic, deplorable conditions at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center in Chicago;
- Supporting the right of women in Illinois to bring a lawsuit against law enforcement departments that “wantonly and willfully” fail to enforce protective orders under the Illinois Domestic Violence Act;
- Sustaining work under a federal court consent decree to improve care and services for foster children in the custody of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS);
- Successfully resolving lawsuits against two law enforcement agencies in racial profiling cases;
- Securing visitation rights for a de facto parent – a lesbian woman who served as primary caregiver for a young child – after her relationship with the birth mother ended;
- Effectively defending a young woman denied access to a Chicago-funded homeless shelter after she revealed she was a lesbian;
- Working to secure the rights of same-sex couples in long term, intimate relationships to access health care benefits and “married” student housing at our major state universities;
- Speaking to more than 3,000 high school students on the importance of separation of powers as part of Constitution Day 2006; and,
- Continuing to work to protect the reproductive freedom of Illinois women, including the rights of teens.

Much of our work on the national stage reflects the ACLU’s sustained efforts to protect civil liberties from abuses suffered as a result of a presidential administration that refuses to abide by constitutional checks and balances. The RBF is litigating three critical cases that seek to protect individual rights and privacy, including:

- Challenging the telecommunications companies’ decision to give law enforcement millions of private telephone records, without a warrant and without any showing that the individuals whose records were sought were key to fighting the so-called war on terror;
- Challenging the abusive searches and detentions of U.S. citizens who return home from visits abroad;
- Challenging the unlawful and unnecessary detention by the FBI and Department of Homeland Security of a lawful U.S. immigrant because officials erroneously believed the individual had some connection to the events of September 11, 2001.

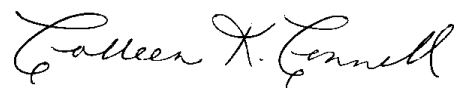
On the legislative front, the ACLU is working relentlessly to reverse Congress’ ill-conceived decision to eliminate the writ of habeas corpus in the Military Commissions Act of 2006 (MCA). In recent months, we have met with members of the Illinois delegation to insist that the new Congress act quickly to restore habeas corpus protections stripped away under the MCA, investigate the breadth of warrantless wiretapping conducted by the Bush Administration, speak out loudly and clearly in opposition to the outrages of torture and extraordinary rendition, and reject the notion that American citizens can be detained without charges or access to counsel. We are hopeful that the new Congress will make these crucial issues part of their priorities in the months ahead.

Thank you for continuing to support the RBF. We hope that when you read this report you will share our pride, this work would not be possible without your generous contributions.

Sincerely,



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ACLU By the Numbers

227 Years of service by ACLU of Illinois staff

6,300 Legal intake inquiries processed annually

133 Volunteers help us accomplish our mission

3,000 Students reached by ACLU speakers on Constitution Day 2006

6,000 Pieces of ACLU materials distributed at the 2007 Chicago Pride Parade



Standing Up for Basic Equality

One of the last government-sanctioned forms of discrimination in our society is directed at lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons. A cornerstone of that discrimination is a legal system that treats families of same sex couples differently. The impact is significant – the federal government offers more than one thousand specific legal protections, state governments offer hundreds more, and private employers often tie benefits to marriage laws. These protections often assure families' insurance coverage and protect the continuation of benefits to the surviving partner and children after a partner's death.

Same sex couples must consider the unimaginable: Will they be able to participate in basic health care decisions for their partner in a medical emergency? Will they even be able to see their partner in the hospital? Will they be able to make decisions about their partner's remains?

Because of the compelling nature of the issues identified in these town hall meetings and other forums, RBF lawyers worked closely with supportive state legislators to draft and refine legislation that would bring Illinois closer to equality in recognizing relationships.

The Illinois General Assembly is considering two important measures that address this issue. Representative Greg Harris of Chicago introduced legislation drafted by RBF lawyers that extends the state legal protections of marriage to same sex couples. After that legislation did not move, Representative Harris introduced a bill drafted by ACLU legislative counsel that provides these legal protections by creating civil unions in Illinois.

As we await legislative action, RBF lawyers continue to

work to assist gay and lesbian parents. We recently resolved a case involving a serious inequity in Illinois' parenting law. Illinois law recognizes the de facto parental relationship of a heterosexual parent while failing to provide similar legal recognition of the de facto parental relationship of lesbian and gay male parents. We secured visitation rights for a woman who was the primary caretaker for a child she and her partner had agreed to jointly parent, but who had been denied access to the child for almost a year after her romantic relationship with the child's biological mother ended.

For more information about what the ACLU is doing to stand up for basic equality, please visit:

<http://www.aclu-il.org/civilunion>



Standing Up Against Government Spying

One of the most fundamental protections of our constitutional system is that government cannot intrude into one's privacy without a good reason – for example, evidence of a criminal act. This concept seems lost on the Bush Administration. In May 2006, press reports revealed that telecommunications companies turned the telephone records of millions of Americans over to the government without warrants or other legal authority.

RBF lawyers responded, filing a lawsuit on behalf of a number of prominent Chicago area residents – led by celebrated author Studs Terkel – charging that telephone giant AT&T violated the privacy rights of our clients in sharing their telephone records without a lawful order.

In 2006, the Illinois case – along with more than forty similar lawsuits against telecommunications companies that were filed in courts across the country – was transferred to the federal district court in San Francisco and combined with a case led by the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF).

The RBF legal team, led by Legal Director Harvey Grossman, was appointed co-lead coordinating counsel for all forty cases. The RBF team's experience in complex litigation against government entities was a significant factor in this appointment.

The most significant obstacles facing the RBF and other parties in this case is the assertion by the Bush Administration of a "state secrets" privilege, claiming that the

court cannot move forward in these cases without revealing information harmful to national security. The government says the Court must dismiss the case and not let our clients have their day to vindicate their rights. The RBF is fighting this broad assertion of privilege.

At the same time, we continue our work to challenge other forms of government intrusion that results in disruption and harm to individual lives. We are leading a national case challenging repeated stops and harassment of Americans re-entering the United States; we are seeking information from both the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI about their post-9/11 investigatory activities; and, we are representing a lawful U.S. immigrant detained immediately following the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the massive sweep of immigrant communities by the Bush Administration.

For more information about what the ACLU is doing to stand up against government spying, please visit:
<http://www.aclu-il.org/terkel>

Above: In Terkel v. AT&T, ACLU also represents plaintiffs Quentin Young, James Montgomery and Barbara Flynn Currie.



Standing Up for LGBT Students

The story was compelling: Lexy W., a high school senior, described the physical and verbal abuse she suffered at her school, including being pushed into lockers and shoved on the stairs. What was the reason for this abuse? Lexy is gay.

Unfortunately, Lexy's story is not unique. Across Illinois and across the nation, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth often are harassed, abused or mistreated on the basis of their sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation. Worse still, school officials often do not act to stop such harassment or may pretend that such harassment is not taking place.

The result is devastating for young people. Many lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning students respond to hostile hallways by dropping out of school, finding themselves without the necessary education and skills to compete in our society. Many LGBTQ youth leave unsupportive or abusive homes and find themselves in the child welfare or juvenile justice systems, or on the streets.

In 2006, the RBF launched a project devoted to making schools safe for LGBTQ students in Illinois. Through the generous underwriting of David Weinberg and Jerry Newton, a Youth at Risk Project lawyer was hired with the specific goal of creating safe schools for these at-risk students. To accomplish this, the Project lawyer is laying the groundwork for passage of state legislation encouraging safe schools; working with school districts to create and implement anti-discrimination and anti-harassment policies; is helping to create and establish Gay Straight Alliances (GSAs) in schools across the state; is providing legal

assistance to students who have been subjected to harassment or discrimination on the basis of their sexual orientation, and is helping LGBTQ youth in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

The RBF Youth at Risk Project got off to a great start in January 2007 when a local Peoria organization held the forum at which Lexy told her harrowing story. Joining in the program was the local Peoria school superintendent, who promised to take critical steps to improve conditions in Peoria. The program ended with a presentation by the Illinois State Superintendent of Education who underscored the need for all schools to adopt and implement anti-harassment policies and to train all school personnel about those policies.

For more information about what the ACLU is doing to stand up for LGBT students, please visit:

<http://www.aclu-il.org/getequal>

Above: Young ACLU marchers at the 2007 Chicago Gay Pride Parade.



Standing Up for Society's Voiceless

"I want to have my own room."

This basic human need, articulated by RBF client Stanley Ligas, is universally shared. What happens, though, when state policies force persons with developmental disabilities or mental illness to live in large institutions and limit the ability of persons with these disabilities to reach their full potential?

The RBF currently is working with other groups to challenge these policies in Illinois. In two separate cases, RBF is seeking to change antiquated and outmoded state policies that deny persons with developmental disabilities and mental illness the opportunity to live in community-based settings, situations that permit individuals to control their own destinies and enhance life skills necessary to be self-reliant.

Unfortunately, the State of Illinois lags far behind in making these opportunities available. A recent study, for example, ranked Illinois 49th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia in efforts to place individuals with development disabilities in small integrated community settings. Instead, Illinois policy funnels more than 6,000 of Illinois' developmental disabled into large, private institutions.

Similarly, persons with mental illness are forced to live in large institutions as a result of state policies. More than 5,000 Illinois residents are housed in for-profit, state-funded nursing homes known as "institutions for mental diseases" (IMDs).

Ironically evidence demonstrates that Illinois actually could save money if residents were transitioned to com-

munity-based settings. One estimate is that transitioning 2,000 residents to the community over the next five years would yield \$57 million in savings.

Both RBF cases have been certified for class action status and are moving forward in the federal district court in Chicago.

These cases demonstrate most clearly the important work of RBF in advancing the rights of those who have no voice in our society. Those for-profit, large nursing homes have paid lobbyists in Springfield and can make large contributions to political campaigns – our clients do not have those advantages. Instead, RBF depends on the courts and the rule of law to enforce the rights of our clients guaranteed under the Constitution and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

For more information about what the ACLU is doing to stand up for society's voiceless, please visit:

<http://www.aclu-il.org/jtdc>



Standing Up for Women's Health

In recent months, the full breadth of the movement to limit women's access to reproductive health care revealed itself in stark form. The Supreme Court of the United States upheld the nation's first ever federal ban on abortion. ACLU lawyer Lorie Chaiten filed a brief in the Supreme Court in this case. Anti-abortion leaders were invigorated by their "victory" and pledged to work vigorously in the states to put in place even more restrictive laws. In South Dakota, an all-out ban on abortion was adopted by the state legislature. And, some anti-abortion groups declared that it was not enough to ban abortion – they intend to work to limit the availability of contraception for women as well.

In Illinois, our Reproductive Rights Project (RRP) currently is working in the courts to protect vulnerable young women facing an unwanted pregnancy. In 2006, the Attorney General moved to lift a decade-old injunction barring enforcement of a law requiring all young women under the age of 18 to notify a parent when seeking an abortion.

Most young women confronting an unwanted pregnancy consult a parent. Most of the rest speak with an older sibling, a close relative or another adult. But in a small handful of cases, young women resist talking to their parents for fear of abuse or forced homelessness if they reveal a pregnancy or because the pregnancy results from incest.

The Illinois law that RBF currently is challenging says that these young women can avoid notifying a parent by going to court and seeking a waiver from a judge. RRP has demonstrated that the statute fails to protect young women's constitutional rights and that Illinois courts are not

prepared to implement this requirement in a confidential and expeditious manner.

All this presages future battles that RRP will direct in Illinois to protect women's health. Project Director Lorie Chaiten, assisted by Leah Bartelt, the Reproductive Rights Counsel, and Shawn Brown, the Legal Campaign Director, is continuing to work with our coalition partners to protect access to reproductive health care in Illinois and surrounding states. Our expanded statewide efforts and our reproductive rights counsel and legal campaign director are generously underwritten by the Zell Foundation, which is committed to helping RBF secure access to a full range of reproductive health care for all Illinois women and families.

For more information about what the ACLU is doing to stand up for women's health, please visit:

<http://www.aclu-il.org/rrp>

ACLU in the Courts

Protection of First Amendment

ACLU v. Chicago

Under a modified consent decree, we continue to monitor the City of Chicago's surveillance/investigation of persons and groups based upon their protected First Amendment activities. In March 2006, a federal district court judge allowed RBF to proceed with discovery on a petition to enforce the decree on behalf of our clients - the American Friends Service Committee - whom the police infiltrated in 2002 when the organization was planning peaceful demonstrations marking a meeting of the Trans-Atlantic Business Dialogue in Chicago. In 2006, a federal judge ordered the City to produce all documents related to this infiltration and investigation of the AFSC. We are in the discovery phase of this matter.

about the lack of readiness in a number of jurisdictions across Illinois.

National Abortion Federation v. Ashcroft

The Reproductive Rights Project for the RBF/ACLU of Illinois is working in collaboration with the National ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project and the New York Civil Liberties Union to challenge a federal ban on abortion that contains no health exception for pregnant women. In January 2006, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit affirmed a district court ruling in our favor. In May 2007, the Supreme Court of the United States, in companion cases to our challenge, upheld the federal law even without the health exemption for women. We are working with our clients to provide advice to physicians about how to provide health care services consistent with the Court's ruling.

Listen to Lorie Chaiten, Reproductive Rights Project Director, talk about the Supreme Court's decision. Download the podcast at <http://www.aclu-il.org/podcasts>.

Reproductive Rights & Women's Rights

Zbaraz v. Hartigan

The Reproductive Rights Project for the RBF/ACLU of Illinois sought and won a permanent injunction (issued in early 1996) barring enforcement of Illinois' 1995 Parental Notification of Abortion Act. The ACLU's challenge was based, in part, on the plain fact that constitutionally adequate procedures for judicial by-pass do not exist in Illinois. Indeed, in 1996 the Illinois Supreme Court refused to issue rules governing the appellate process for this by-pass procedure. In September 2006 the Illinois Supreme Court suddenly issued rules it claimed met the constitutional standard for the judicial by-pass process. In early 2007, the Illinois Attorney General asked the federal court to lift the 1996 injunction based on the Illinois Supreme Court's action - though the Attorney General acknowledged that the circuit courts were not prepared to implement the by-pass at that time. The court denied the Attorney General's request, but preserved the right of the State of Illinois to raise the request anew when the courts were ready. In March 2007 the Attorney General again sought the dissolution of the injunction, based on a statement from the Illinois Supreme Court that the Court now was willing to "presume, and therefore assert" that the circuit courts were ready to implement the by-pass. We have filed a brief in response including information

Miller v. American Infertility Group of Illinois

The RBF/ACLU of Illinois filed an amicus brief in the state court of appeals challenging the ruling of a circuit court judge in the case of an Illinois couple who filed a lawsuit claiming an infertility clinic negligently handled their fertilized egg created through in vitro fertilization and caused its wrongful death. In determining that the loss of an implanted egg was tantamount to the wrongful death of a person, the judge erred in relying on provisions of the Illinois Abortion Law of 1975 successfully challenged by the RBF/ACLU of Illinois Reproductive Rights Project.

Moore v. Greene

The Reproductive Rights Project for the RBF/ACLU of Illinois filed an amicus curiae brief with the Illinois Supreme Court supporting the right of women in our state to bring a lawsuit against law enforcement departments that "wantonly and willfully" fail to enforce protective orders under the Illinois Domestic Violence Act. In April 2006, the Illinois Supreme Court issued a unanimous ruling in support of our position.

ACLU in the Courts



Above: ACLU client Akif Rahman and his family.

Post 9/11 Civil Liberties Issues

Akif Rahman v. Chertoff

The RBF/ACLU of Illinois, along with ACLU affiliates in Massachusetts, Michigan and Washington State, represents nine individuals - all United States citizens - who have been the victims of repeated stops, harassment and undue detentions upon re-entering the country. These plaintiffs have faced frightening situations - having guns drawn on them, been hand-cuffed for long periods of time, and separated from family members traveling with them. The action seeks to compel the government to fix the terrorist screening system that causes this to happen to our clients. Several critical motions in a motion to dismiss and seeking class certification, as well as a motion seeking discovery in the case are pending before the federal court in Chicago.

Terkel v. AT&T

The RBF/ACLU of Illinois represents author Studs Terkel and other prominent Illinois citizens in challenging telephone giant AT&T in sharing customers' telephone records with the government without lawful authorization. In 2006, our case - along with similar lawsuits against telecommunication companies filed in courts across the nation - was consolidated and transferred

to the federal district court in San Francisco. The ACLU of Illinois, along with lawyers for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, was appointed co-lead coordinating counsel for more than forty cases including our own. A significant obstacle in these cases is the assertion by the government to invoke a "state secrets" privilege, claiming that the matter cannot advance for fear of making confidential information public. An appeal on the state secrets issue is on appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in one of the consolidated cases brought by EFF.

ACLU v. Department of Homeland Security et al.

The ACLU of Illinois and three other organizations (the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, the Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center, and the Muslim Civil Rights Center) jointly filed suit requesting enforcement of a federal Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request with two immigration bureaus of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"). We sought information regarding post-9/11 enforcement of immigration laws in Illinois, particularly regarding the "Special Registration" program (under which thousands of immigrants registered with the government, and many were detained or deported) and a provision of the Patriot Act allowing the Attorney General to unilaterally detain immigrants as suspected terrorists. The suit has been settled, the government having provided information regarding the Special Registration program, as well as a representation that it has not used the Patriot Act as a basis for the unilateral detention of immigrants. Cooperating attorneys were Daniel F. Feeney and Frederic E. Vars of Miller, Shakman & Beem.

Khorrami v. Rolince et al.

Farid Khorrami, a lawful U.S. immigrant, filed suit seeking damages against FBI and INS agents for months of unjustified detention and abusive physical treatment immediately following the 9/11 attacks. Mr. Khorrami was taken into custody and had his immigration status revoked when the FBI erroneously believed that he might have some connection to the events of 9/11. Khorrami also had his pilot training certificate revoked and ultimately suffered a heart attack as a result of the wrongful detention. The government filed a motion to dismiss, which is now under consideration by the Court. Cooperating attorneys are Roger Pascal, Lawrence Heftman, and Renee Kelley of Schiff Hardin LLP.

ACLU in the Courts

FOIA Requests to the FBI

In 2004, the ACLU of Illinois in conjunction with ACLU's National Office and ten other affiliate offices filed Freedom of Information Act requests with the Federal Bureau of Investigation seeking files on a number of Chicago-area organizations and individuals involved in activism on the state and local level. The purpose of the filings was to ascertain whether the federal government is engaging in unwarranted surveillance of community and advisory organizations. In 2005, the FBI and Department of Justice indicated that they were keeping investigative files on one organization and one individual in the group that was part of our filing. The government indicated, however, that they were withholding the information because its dissemination "could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings." We have appealed that decision and are contemplating further action.

Children's Rights

B.H. v. Samuels

Lawyers for the RBF/ACLU of Illinois continue to monitor our Consent Decree designed to improve care and services for children in the custody of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) on behalf of all the state's foster children.

Jimmy Doe v. Cook County

We are actively monitoring and enforcing a federal court settlement in this class action lawsuit, which requires the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center to provide safe and clean living conditions for the children in their care. In January 2007, court-appointed monitors approved an enforceable implementation plan drafted by a panel of independents recommended by the parties and approved by the court. The panel was created after we complained about the slow pace of change and compliance at the detention center. The new plan contains specific, detailed steps to be taken by the County to improve conditions, and bring the JTDC into compliance with an agreement we reached with the County in 2002. Pursuant to this plan, a Court appointed Compliance Administrator (who regularly is present in the facility and has the power to review records) continues to report deficiencies at the facility. Unfortunately, the county has again completely failed to meet its constitutional obligation

to provide safe and adequate care for these children. We have asked the court to take the day-to-day operation of JTDC out of the county's hands and appoint a receiver. A decision is pending.

Read more about our case against the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center online at <http://www.aclu-il.org/jtdc>.



Above: ACLU client Shani Davis.

Racial Justice

Davis, et al. v. City of Chicago, et al.

The RBF/ACLU of Illinois filed suit against the City of Chicago and three Chicago Police Officers challenging a practice resulting in the unnecessary and unwarranted stop, search and detention of three young men in Chicago. We represent Shani Davis, an Olympic Gold Medal winner, in this case. We are engaged in discovery in this matter.

Scott v. Bevard

The RBF/ACLU of Illinois is challenging the racial profiling and intrusive search inflicted on three African-American high school students by two Illinois state police troopers. The case has been settled.

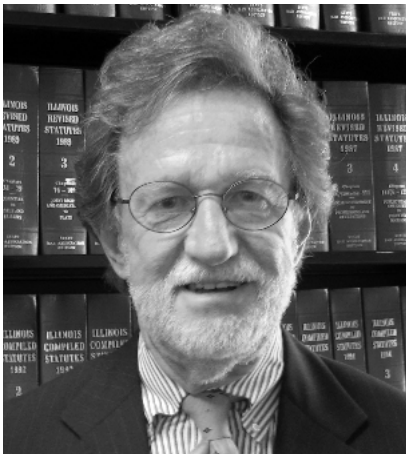
Establishment of Religion

Eugene Winkler, et. al. v. Chicago School Reform Board of Trustees, et al.

We are challenging the use of taxpayer money to fund the Boy Scouts as establishment of religion. The RBF/

ACLU in the Courts

ACLU of Illinois is challenging the special treatment afforded by the Pentagon to the Boy Scouts. In 2005, a federal district court ruled that the Pentagon's spending on the Boy Scout Jamboree violates the Establishment Clause of the United States Constitution. In 2007, a panel of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the decision, ruling that our plaintiffs lacked standing as taxpayers to bring the challenge. We are considering whether to seek review by the Supreme Court of the United States.



Above: ACLU client Reverend Eugene Winkler.

Gay & Lesbian / Family Rights

Doe v. Doe

The RBF/ACLU of Illinois is supporting litigation on behalf of J. Doe, a biological father who has had custody of a 5-year old child since a divorce in 2000. J. Doe also is a pre-operative male-to-female transsexual.

G.M. v. S.P.

We represent a woman who served as the primary parental caretaker for six years of a now seven-year-old boy's life. The woman is being denied all custody or visitation with the child by her former partner, the biological mother of the child, despite earlier promises to agree to custody and visitation. We have advanced common law, statutory and constitutional claims in support of our client's right to custody and visitation. An agreement was reached and been submitted to the court for approval.

Helgeland v. Department of Employee Trust Funds (Wisconsin)

We are working with the ACLU of Wisconsin and the National ACLU LGBT Rights Project on behalf of six lesbian couples denied health insurance and family leave domestic partner benefits by the State of Wisconsin. Currently, motions to intervene by the Wisconsin state legislature and several local municipalities are pending before Wisconsin's State Supreme Court.

Sundstrom v. Frank

We are working with the ACLU of Wisconsin, the National LGBT Rights Project and Lambda Legal on behalf of two transgender prisoners in the custody of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections who are barred by statute from access to hormonal therapy treatment or sex reassignment surgery. A federal court granted a motion for a preliminary injunction, and ordered the DOC to restore our plaintiffs' access to hormonal therapy. It is anticipated that the case will go to trial later in 2007.

Vulnerable Populations

Ligas, et.al., v. Maram, et.al.

The RBF/ACLU of Illinois is collaborating with other advocacy organizations in this class action lawsuit on behalf of the thousands of individuals who are needlessly institutionalized in large ICF-DDs (Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled) when they could be better served in smaller, community based settings. The federal courts rejected efforts by several parties to intervene in the case, in which discovery is now on-going.

Williams, et.al., v. Blagojevich, et. al.

The RBF/ACLU of Illinois and other advocacy organizations are representing individuals in large nursing homes for the mentally ill in this groundbreaking litigation. Our complaint alleges that the State's decision to warehouse our clients needlessly in a large institution violates the Americans with Disabilities Act's mandate that state-funded services be provided in the most integrated appropriate setting.

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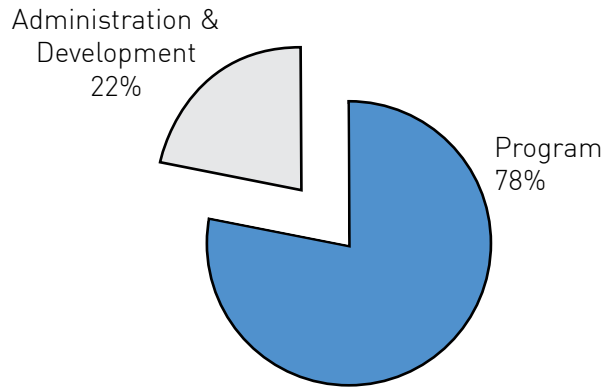
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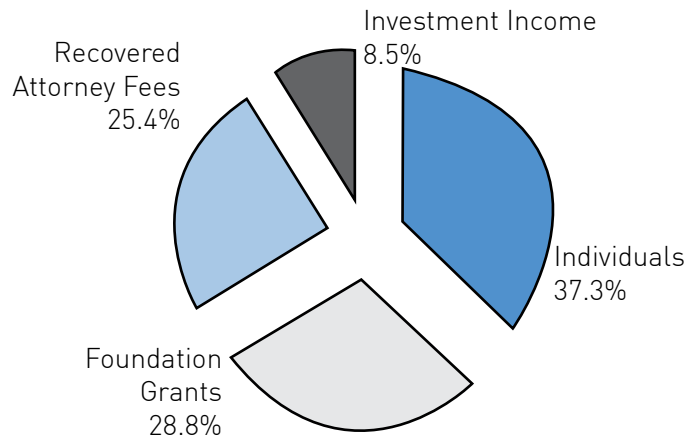
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