# 2023-2024

# Impact Report



# **A Note from ACCESS**



Dear Supporters,

This year, your generosity has empowered us to take bold action in the fight for abortion access and reproductive justice. In the face of ongoing and unprecedented attacks on our fundamental rights, your support has enabled us to meet this moment with courage, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to our communities.

California may currently be a "reproductive freedom" state, but the harsh reality is that true reproductive freedom has not yet been realized. Many in our communities still face immense barriers to accessing the care they need. Following this November's grim election results, we know those barriers may only grow more challenging. Significant work lies ahead to continue showing up for Black, Indigenous, and other people of color, (im)migrant communities regardless of documentation status, queer, transgender, and gender nonbinary individuals, people with disabilities, low-income families, young people, and countless others from historically marginalized communities. Our mission and work has been, and will always be, to serve all callers, especially people from historically marginalized communities, and it will not stop—no matter who holds power in the White House, the Supreme Court, or Congress. As Mariame Kaba reminds us, "We do this 'til we free us."

With your support and the assistance of the State of California, we provided over \$1.3 million in direct financial aid this past year to individuals seeking abortions. This funding has been a lifeline for thousands navigating the increasingly hostile and complex landscape of reproductive healthcare.

Your partnership has enabled us to challenge unjust laws, mobilize our communities, and build new pathways to care and support. From securing funds for those facing travel and logistical barriers to training doulas in holistic, trauma-informed care, your investment has transformed communities and advanced reproductive justice. As we have always said and will continue to affirm: the courts do not free us, politicians do not free us—we free us. We hope you will continue standing with us as we deliver essential, vital mutual aid to our communities in the year ahead.

In this season of giving, we are filled with profound gratitude for your steadfast allyship and support. Our callers' resilience in asserting their bodily autonomy inspires us to dream bigger, fight harder, and keep building the intersectional, abolitionist future we know is possible. Thank you for standing with us in that vision.

With hope and determination, The ACCESS RJ Team

# Supporting Callers in California & Beyond



## **Adapting to Caller Needs**

To better serve our callers, community members, referral relationships, and staff, the Healthline team transitioned to a case management model in October 2024. Now, each caller is assigned to a respective Healthline Associate who will see them through their support process from start to finish. After a learning and transition period, we believe these changes will streamline support and increase our capacity to serve our communities and each other.

The Healthline team looks forward to entering 2025 with streamlined processes and more staff capacity than ever. To a year of abundance!

#### **2024 Healthline Data**

(Fiscal Year, July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)

\$1,312,530

spent on caller support

1,967

callers supported

**1,471** California

callers



## **Caller Testimonials**

"It was so encouraging. I felt well cared for and listened to, didn't feel like I needed to overexplain myself or why I needed help. This was already a high-stress situation, and it was a huge relief to feel supported both financially and with texts to check in on how I was doing."

"Everyone was extremely helpful, super nice, and was so supportive I cried after the first phone call.

Never would I have ever received that type of support from people I know."



"Due to my special case being admitted to the hospital, they extended a hotel stay and food help for extra days for my partner and I... I was diagnosed with something that if I would've ignored my gut feeling, or if I was unable to go through with the procedure due to state laws and financial barriers, I would have died during labor. I am not trying to sound cliche, but I believe ACCESS had a part in saving my life.

Thank you."

"Quiero agradecer por su gentil ayuda, son personas eficientes y educadas."

# **ACCESS in the Community**



#### **Volunteers in Growth**

Our ACCESS Volunteer family is growing! This year we offered 3 volunteer trainings that brought in 40 additional volunteers to our network — now a total of 165 across the state. Here are the numbers on how we are diversifying our volunteer network to meet our community's needs:

#### 2024 Volunteer Breakdown

165 active volunteers **39** cities represented 5 languages represented







### Volunteer Engagement

With intentionality and a deep appreciation for the importance of human connection, our volunteers across the state brought friends and family together for peer-to-peer fundraising through community-driven 'Comfort Kit Parties,' focusing on post-abortion care and positive sexual well-being. These parties were an opportunity for collective dialogue and education about the outof-pocket costs not covered by insurance for postabortion hygiene care, and subsequently activated folks in creating these kits as an act of solidarity for the thousands of abortion-havers visiting California clinics each day.

We continue to share these kits free of charge with our clinic and mutual aid partners in the Bay and Los Angeles area—we hope to bring these kit parties to a neighborhood near you soon!

# **Advocating for ACCESS**



# **The Legislative Session**

ACCESS RJ played a pivotal role in advancing the CCRF Reproductive Freedom Legislative Package, which led to 18 policy changes, including the enactment of 17 bills signed into law by Governor Newsom.

Despite nine vetoed bills and eight measures that failed to advance, ACCESS RJ continued to advocate for innovative policies to expand healthcare and social services. These outcomes underscore the significant victories achieved and the ongoing challenges in the fight for reproductive justice.



The ACCESS Outreach and Education team actively engaged with our communities by organizing, facilitating, or attending over 30 events. These events encompassed a variety of formats, including networking opportunities, community workshops, screenings, and training sessions.

Furthermore, the Outreach and Education team conducted specialized workshops for OBGYN residents, focusing on reproductive justice and compassionate care. These sessions provided medical professionals with an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions about delivering inclusive and empathetic reproductive healthcare.

This year, ACCESS partnered with a doula training provider in the Los Angeles area to support Black, Indigenous, people with disabilities, non-binary, and trans folks in becoming Medi-Cal-certified doulas. We are offering 10 fully funded scholarships for LA residents from these communities, aiming to create a more diverse and inclusive Medi-Cal provider network.

We look forward to partnering and engaging with even more communities in 2025!







# **The Future of ACCESS**



## **Planning for the Future**

In 2023, ACCESS RJ celebrated 30 years of funding abortion. In 2024, we officially began the strategic planning process to guide the next three years of our work. While the future of the abortion landscape remains uncertain, we are committed to continuing our role as a source of mutual aid and community support for those seeking abortion care.

In just a few years, our team has grown from a dedicated staff of two to a dynamic team of 13. During Fiscal Year 2023-2024, ACCESS allocated over \$1.3 million to caller support. To put this into perspective, the total annual budget for caller support in Fiscal Year 2022-2023 matches what we spent solely on caller transportation support this year — \$250,000.







We are building towards a future where abortion is legal, accessible, and without stigma. A future where all forms of reproductive oppression are abolished not only in California but across the country and the world. And we could not build this future without your support.



94% of our online donations are from sustaining donors! Become a monthly donor today, or increase your monthly gift, and help us reach our end-of-year fundraising goal.



#### 3 Ways to Support ACCESS RJ:

- Donate to ACCESS RJ
- Subscribe to newsletter
- Follow us on social media

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Join us in removing barriers to reproductive care.



# **Our Impact in 2024**

\$1,312,530 spent on caller support **165**active volunteers

**1,967** callers supported

You are a vital part of the ACCESS RJ Community.
Our work isn't possible without **YOU**!

# Thank you for fighting for reproductive justice!