

WHY WE DO IT

Homelessness results when multiple oppressions intersect. Most notable are institutionalized racism and poverty. Although for women, homelessness may often be related to domestic violence, for undocumented immigrants to unlawful evictions, for poor families to gentrification and public housing cuts, for contingent workers to downsizing, for youth to child abuse, for gay or transgender people to social exclusion, for veterans to war trauma, for mentally and physically disabled people to inadequate health care and treatment.

The public view often sees homelessness as its own special category, unrelated to other categories of oppression. WRAP is working to change that perception and to organize a movement across categories of oppression as part of a united front that works towards human rights and social justice for all.

ACT! ENGAGE!

BECAUSE HOMELESSNESS LOOKS DIFFERENT FROM THE BOTTOM UP.

WRAP

WESTERN REGIONAL ADVOCACY PROJECT



WRAP EXISTS TO EXPOSE AND ELIMINATE THE ROOT CAUSES OF CIVIL HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITIES.



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OUR HISTORY

Without federal support for affordable housing, local governments are hard-pressed to shelter – much less house – the growing number of people that live without adequate housing. In response to this humanitarian crisis, cities and businesses have turned to aggressive policing and private security programs to remove or displace poor people. These tactics involve gross human and civil rights violations.

WRAP formed to turn this situation around.



WHO WE ARE

WRAP is a coalition of West Coast social justice organizations. Our goals are to:

- Unite local social justice organizations and build a movement that is inclusive and shares power with all members of the community.
- Hold the federal government responsible and accountable for the restoration of affordable housing funding and the protection of poor and homeless people's rights.
- Develop with the community effective and socially just solutions to all barriers that prevent the ending of homelessness.
- Ensure the policies and priorities of local, state, and federal governments are grounded in the common truths of a majority of poor and homeless people.

MEMBERS:

BUILDING OPPORTUNITY FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY
COALITION ON HOMELESSNESS, SAN FRANCISCO
LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK
REAL CHANGE
SISTERS OF THE ROAD
STREET ROOTS
STREET SPIRIT



WHAT WE DO

WRAP combines the skills, resources, and talents of our members and national partners to build a broad, informed movement for greatly needed change in federal housing priorities.

Our two campaigns – Without Rights and Without Housing – work hand in hand to fight the street level disregard for unhoused people's civil rights and to get the federal government to recognize and fund affordable housing as a basic human right.

We do this through:

- Community Organizing
- Legal Defense
- Research and Public Education
- Social Justice Art
- Federal Legislative Advocacy

