

The Chicago Workers' Collaborative



La Colaborativa de Trabajadores

Chicago Workers' Collaborative

The Chicago Workers' Collaborative is a long-time grantee of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), having received \$255,000 in funds since 2006. Its most recent grant was for [\\$55,000 in the 2020-2021 grants cycle](#).

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT 2020-2021 GRANTEES			
Diocese	Grantee	Issue Area	Grant
Archdiocese of Chicago	Chicago Workers' Collaborative	Workers' Rights	55,000.00

Origin and Purpose of CWC

The Chicago Workers' Collaborative (CWC) [was founded in 2003](#) with the help of their current Interim [Executive Director Tim Bell](#) in 2003.



The mission statement of the Chicago Workers Collaborative, [according their official website](#), “Is to promote the creation of stable, living wage jobs with racial and gender equity through leadership development, advocacy, direct action and community accountability.” However,


CWC is directly involved in the promotion of Planned Parenthood and LGBTQ ideologies, and continues to be a dues-paying member in a pro-abortion, pro-LGBTQ coalition for which it lost its CCHD funding in 2013.


CWC on Abortion and LGBTQ


In October 2020, CWC participated in a [Planned Parenthood Illinois Action video discussion](#) on Facebook regarding the impact of Covid-19 on manufacturing workers and the importance of being an advocate for workers' rights, tying their role with pro-abortion policies. Involved in the discussion were CWC representatives George Rapids, Jannell White, and Freddy Amador. At time 3:48, Freddy Amador mentions his own involvement in pushing LGBTQ initiatives, saying:

"What I did in Chicago Workers was to help them organize some of their events, either protests or workshops, know your rights. I do a lot of things, and also I created the LGBTQ workers community, which is a lot of LGBTQ workers doesn't have no voice in the Lake County area, and now they do have a voice with CWC."

 Planned Parenthood Illinois Action 
October 20, 2020 · 🌐

Tune in for PPIL's Plática featuring Raiz of Planned Parenthood of Illinois, State Rep. Karina Villa, and the Chicago Workers Collaborative for a conversation around the impact that COVID-19 has had on manufacturing workers and the importance of being an advocate for workers' rights.
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3771997486167227> 



 Fredy Amador, Chicago Workers Collaborative

Planned Parenthood of Illinois was live.
October 20, 2020 · 🌐

Join Raiz of Planned Parenthood of Illinois, State Rep. Karina Villa, and the Chicago Workers Collaborative for a conversation around the impact that COVID-19 has had on manufacturing workers and the importance of being an advocate for workers' rights.

Amador's statement about CWC's promotion of LGBTQ ideologies is reflected on the CWC's website under the heading "[Leadership and Advocacy](#)," where it says, "The Leadership and Advocacy department builds the power of historically marginalized people, such as **LGBTQ**, immigrants, and other workers of color."

Leadership and Advocacy

The Leadership and Advocacy department builds the power of historically marginalized people, such as LGBTQ, immigrants, and other workers of color. The program's Manager and Staff Organizers are former "Alt-Workers" with extensive experience leading campaigns to improve conditions in their workplaces, including passage of Illinois' laws which are the strongest protections in the U.S. for temporary staffing workers.

Contact



On [June 2, 2022](#), CWC posted a "Happy Pride Month" message saying, "We honor the revolutionaries of the 1969 Stonewall Riots ... who paved the way for so many towards acceptance and equality across all gender and sexual orientations. The courage and determination of many BIPOC LGBTQ+ people is commemorated in this month ..."



Chicago Workers' Collaborative

June 2 · 🌐



We honor the revolutionaries of the 1969 Stonewall Riots such as Marsha P. Johnson & Sylvia Rivera who paved the way for so many towards acceptance and equality across all gender and sexual orientations. The courage and determination of many BIPOC LGBTQ+ people is commemorated in this month, but will continue to be uplifted year-round. Thank you to all those who came before who made possible for those who came after. [#pridemonth](#) [#stonewallriots](#)



On [June 9, 2022](#), CWC posted pictures of its involvement in Pridefest in Waukegan.



Chicago Workers' Collaborative

June 9 · 🌐



CWC would like to thank the LGBTQ+ Center for inviting us to the very successful Pridefest in Waukegan, Illinois on June 6, 2022. Thanks to our collaborators, volunteers and staff, we were able to show our support for and stand beside the LGBTQ+ community in solidarity.

#pridefest #pridemonth #pridechicago #chicago #workersrights #solidarity



Included among the pictures was a [snapshot of CWC staff members](#) with surgically augmented men in drag.



Another photo showed the CWC booth draped with LGBTW flags.



On June 30, [CWC posted a series of slides](#) representing a survey taken by the "National Center for Transgender Equality" complaining that men who wear dresses to work are being disciplined and/or fired from their jobs, such as [in this slide](#):

Angela, a transgender woman from New Jersey, was sent home when she came to work in a dress and told to come to work dressed as a man. She complied with the request, despite feeling helpless and humiliated, as though she had been forced to “choose between my livelihood and my life.” After her shift, she received a call from her employer saying she had been terminated effective immediately.

This photo is from a post. [View post](#)

Chicago Workers' Collaborative
June 30 · 🌐

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In the [third slide in the series](#), CWC complained that there are no "statutory protections against

sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination" in many locations.

An estimated 8.1 million LGBTQ+ workers live in the United States.

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Around 50% of these workers live in states without statutory protections against sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination in the workplace.

This photo is from a post. View post

Chicago Workers' Collaborative June 30 · 🌐

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CWC and the Women's March on Springfield

In April 2017, the Chicago Workers' Collaborative was [identified as a “coalition partner”](#) in the Illinois Women’s March on Springfield. Given the pro-abortion agenda of the march, there is no way that CWC could have participated without violating Catholic moral teaching, and subsequently, violating CCHD grant guidelines.



ILLINOIS WOMEN MARCH ON SPRINGFIELD

for a progressive agenda and responsible budget for all – Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Coalition Partners

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[AAUW Springfield](#)
[ACLU Illinois](#)
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The [agenda for the Women's March on Springfield](#) pushes abortion and LGBTQ ideologies:



Illinois Women March on Springfield

April 3, 2017 · 🌐

Some positive news after a trying week. A recent study by moving site MoveHub names IL the 4th best state for women in the U.S. But make no mistake, we still have much work to do. On 4/25 the IL Women's March hits Springfield to push for bills like:

- HB 2771 & SB 1296 (Securing paid sick time for working women can take care of themselves and their children)
- HB 2462 & SB 981 (Strengthening the Illinois Equal Pay Act to target systemic discrimination)
- HB 3215 (Requiring school districts to make feminine hygiene products available at no cost to students in bathrooms)
- SJRCA4 (Ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment in IL)
- HB 690 (Addresses gender discrimination affecting about 400,000 women in Illinois' temp staffing industry)
- HB 40 (confirms that abortion will remain legal in Illinois even if the U.S. Supreme Court rolls back Roe v Wade.)

Plus, a slew of other bills in support of education, labor, criminal justice reform, LGBTQ rights, protecting the environment and more.

<http://www.movehub.com/.../the-best-and-worst-us-states...>

On [March 30, 2017](#), the Women's March on Springfield made an open and direct call for the

enshrinement of abortion into law.

Hey Illinois Democrats, where is the vote on HB 40?

Women's choices matter!

HB 40 ensures reproductive rights remain legal and accessible for ALL Illinois women.

www.illinoiswomenmarchonspringfield.org

Illinois Women March on Springfield
March 30, 2017

At the March we'll be pushing for a vote on HB40 which safeguards legal abortions and repeals a dangerous "trigger" provision in the Illinois Abortion Law. HB40 confirms that abortion will remain legal in Illinois even if the U.S. Supreme Court rolls back Roe v Wade. In the meantime, call your representatives in support of the bill and thank you to its co-sponsors Sara Feigenholtz, State Representative Carol Ammons State Representative Emanuel "Chris" Welch Ann M. Williams - State Representative Lou Lang Theresa Mah State Representative Camille Y. Lilly Scott Drury Kelly Cassidy Il House of Representative District State Representative Robert Martwick Juliana Stratton, Silvana Tabares, Cynthia Soto, Laura Fine, Robyn Gabel, John C. D'Amico, Jamie M. Andrade See less

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CWC was De-Funded in 2013 for Violating CCHD Guidelines on Coalition Membership

In September of 2010, due to the exposes written by the Reform CCHD Now coalition, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development underwent what it called a "[Review and Renewal](#)." This Review and Renewal involved the adoption of new guidelines, including one forbidding CCHD grantees from being members of coalitions that act or take positions counter to Catholic moral and social teaching.

In an [FAQ on the USCCB website](#), the CCHD directly answers the question about whether grantees may be members of coalitions that oppose Catholic teachings. In answer, the CCHD firmly stated, "CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching."

What about participation in coalitions for a good purpose, like better wages or housing, that include groups acting against Catholic values on other issues?

CCHD encourages groups to work across geographical, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological lines to overcome poverty and advance the common good. However, CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching (e.g. promotion or support of abortion, same-sex marriage, euthanasia, racism, as well as the use of the death penalty punitive measures toward immigrants, etc.). Prohibited activities include participation in or endorsing actions that promote legislation, and ballot initiatives (including voter guides and other written materials) that contradict Catholic moral or social teaching.

In 2013, eleven CCHD-funded organizations were told that they must either quit membership in a coalition that had taken formal positions on same-sex "marriage," or lose their CCHD funding. The coalition is called the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR), and one of those organizations being forced to choose between the CCHD and ICIRR was the Chicago Workers' Collaborative. According to an [article published on 19 October 2013 in the Chicago Tribune](#):

"The Chicago Workers' Collaborative belonged to the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. When given the choice to withdraw from the coalition or lose its \$20,000 grant, Executive Director Leone Jose Bicchieri said the decision boiled down to timing.

"It was difficult to settle into our decision and live with it, but it wasn't that hard a decision to make," he said. "It was not the moment to splinter off from a statewide immigrant rights coalition. It was not the moment to not be united around immigration reform. That was the overriding consideration."

In a [December 2013 article on TruthOut](#), Bicchieri gave further details, showing CWC's support for homosexuality in direct opposition to Catholic moral teaching (emphasis added):

Leone Jose Bicchieri, executive director of the Chicago Workers' Collaborative, which works to reform the temporary labor sector in Chicago, said his group hadn't given gay marriage much thought before the ultimatum from the CCHD. Yet, **when they got the call from CCHD, they made a "pretty quick decision."**

"Notwithstanding the exact issue, **we didn't think that was the kind of relationship we wanted to have with a funder: You do this or else,**" he said. But more than that, "we simply felt it was more important to stay united supporting immigration reform in general.

"We need Blacks, whites, Latinos, gays, straights, tall, short, men, women – we need all workers to be united so all of our working families in Chicago can be better off."

His group has received funding from CCHD for at least a decade and was expecting at least \$30,000 a year for the next three years, which amounts to about 10 percent of the group's budget.

In June of 2013, [Cardinal George defended the decision](#) to discontinue funding to members of ICIRR saying, "You can't play off the pastoral concern of the church for the poor against the church's teaching. That's exactly what was done, that's a cynical move, and I'm sorry that it was done.

In short, the CWC chose to remain a member of ICIRR and as a result, CWC lost its funding from the CCHD - until 2019 when it received its first grant in 10 years.

Continued partnership with ICIRR

The thing is, [CWC is still a partner of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights](#), and ICIRR has not changed its position on same-sex "marriage" and the CCHD has not changed its guideline forbidding membership in groups like ICIRR. So, the question is "Why is Chicago Workers' Collaborative suddenly receiving grant money from the CCHD again?"

The screenshot shows the ICIRR website's 'Partner Organizations' section. The header includes the ICIRR logo, the text 'ILLINOIS COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS', social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube, and navigation links for 'COVID Help', 'Resources', and a 'Donate' button. A search bar is also present. The main navigation menu includes 'HOME', 'ABOUT US', 'PROGRAMS AND SERVICES', 'ISSUE ADVOCACY', 'EVENTS AND NEWS', and 'MAKE A DIFFERENCE!'. The 'Partner Organizations' section features two columns. The left column lists 'Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America' with a description, a 'Languages:' field, a 'Phone:' field with the number '(773) 293-3680', and a 'Visit Website' button. The right column lists 'Chicago Workers Collaborative' with a description, a 'Languages:' field, a 'Phone:' field with the number '(877) 775-8242', and a 'Visit Website' button. Red arrows point to the 'Chicago Workers Collaborative' entry, and a red circle highlights its name.

Membership in ICIRR isn't free, either. ICIRR's "[become a member](#)" page shows a membership fee schedule.



ICIRR ILLINOIS COALITION
FOR IMMIGRANT AND
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Become an ICIRR Organizational Member Today! Our collective power comes from our members!

[Pay your membership dues today using this link!](#)

Membership Levels and Fee Waivers

Membership Levels	
Annual Budget	Fee
Over \$1,000,000	\$1,500
\$500,000 to \$1,000,000	\$1,000
<u>\$250,000 to \$500,000</u>	<u>\$750</u>
\$100,000 to \$250,000	\$500
Under \$100,000	\$300

Membership dues help support ICIRR's organizing, programmatic and policy efforts with its member organizations. Fee waivers and dues reductions will be considered upon request. To request a fee waiver or dues reduction, contact Demian Kogan at dkogan@icirr.org.

According to [CWC's tax form 990 for FY 2019](#), CWC had \$423,000 in expenses, making its annual membership fee in ICIRR \$750.

On [July 22, 2022](#), the Chicago Workers Collaboration tweeted about its reception of an award from the ICIRR, saying, "We are grateful for the award & partnership with ICIRR."



Chicago Workers' Collaborative

@chi_temps



On July 20, 2022, @icirr_il hosted the ICIRR State Level Victory Celebration!

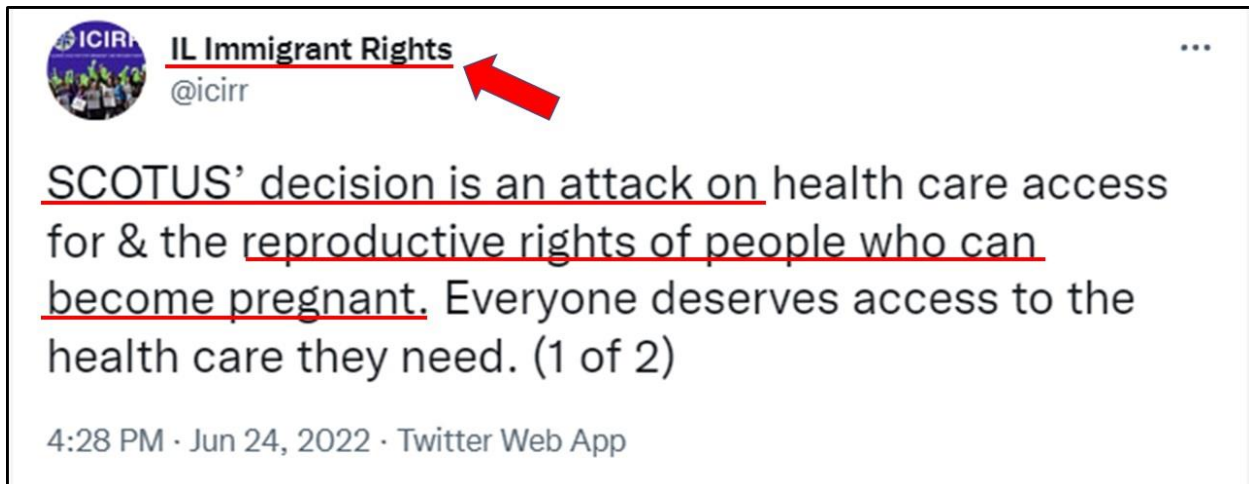
CWC was presented w/ an award for the work we did during the past legislative session. We are grateful for the award & partnership with ICIRR, and will continue to fight for immigrant workers together.



6:06 PM · Jul 22, 2022 · Twitter Web App

ICIRR is Pro-Abortion

Following the Scotus decision to overturn Roe v. Wade on June 2022, the [ICIRR decried the SCOTUS decision](#) as "an attack on ... the reproductive rights of people who can become pregnant."



This was immediately followed by a [tweet in support of "reproductive freedom,"](#) calling for people to "follow the Chicago Abortion Fund for ways to take action."



This support includes a funding page and explicitly linked to the [Chicago Abortion Fund](#). The Instagram message from the Chicago Abortion Fund explicitly compels viewers to take a stand for Abortion Access in Illinois and beyond.

ICIRR on LGBTQ

In [May of 2013](#), ICIRR issued the following formal statement in favor of same-sex "marriage."

ICIRR Statement on Marriage Equality

As an organization dedicated to the full inclusion of all Americans, whether foreign-born or native-born, the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) supports marriage equality. ICIRR believes that full equality and civic participation should extend to recognition of all families, including those involving same-sex partnerships. Such recognition should extend to our immigration laws, our family laws, and to other areas of law that affect our families. While we recognize that there are differences of opinion within immigrant and faith-based communities regarding same-sex marriages, including among our members, the majority of our members - and therefore our organization - believe that a full respect for our state's and our nation's diversity demands that we not discriminate based on whom we love, and that we call upon an end to such discrimination in our local, state, and federal laws.

In [February of 2014](#), ICIRR hosted a workshop covering "marriage equality" and "LGBT rights."



IL Immigrant Rights

@icirr



Workshop covering the new IL marriage equality law and LGBT rights for immigrants.



11:52 AM · Feb 22, 2014 · Twitter for iPhone

In [July of 2016](#), ICIRR tweeted about the "need" for welcoming the LGBTQ community.



IL Immigrant Rights

@icirr



Invisible to Invincible leader shares perspective on the need for Welcoming cities for LGBTQ community.



7:24 PM · Jul 18, 2016 · Twitter for iPhone

In [May of 2017](#), ICIRR announced that it is "rising up" for LGBTQ ideologies.



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Today on [#MayDay](#) we [#RiseUP](#) for our community!
Workers, Muslims, LGBTQ, undocumented,
DACAmented & more that make us great.



10:41 AM · May 1, 2017 · TweetDeck

In [June of 2020](#), ICIRR again boasted of its support for homosexual and transgender ideologies.



IL Immigrant Rights

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In honor of Pride Census Day, let's make sure that our LGBTQ+ community is seen, heard, and counted! Take the Census today: bit.ly/My_2020census
[#MakeILCount](#) [#QueerTheCensus](#) [#BeYouBeCounted](#)



12:07 PM · Jun 29, 2020 · Twitter Web App

Membership in the Hispanic Federation

CWC is a [member of the Hispanic Federation](#), which says on its membership page, "Together with our Member Agencies, these community-based organizations help us reach Latinos across the country to provide impactful and long-lasting support."



Hispanic Federation Network

The Hispanic Federation Network includes 500 nonprofits in 41 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. Together with our Member Agencies, these community-based organizations help us reach Latinos across the country to provide impactful and long-lasting support.

Chelsea Collaborative

Chemical Abuse Services Agency



Chicago Workers Collaborative Chicano Awareness Center

Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.

Children's Learning Centers of Fairfield County, Inc.

The Hispanic Federation is not only pro-abortion, but its promotion of homosexuality and transgenderism borders on the pornographic.

On the Hispanic Federation's website is a list of advocacy programs engaged in by the Federation itself. One of those program areas is "health," wherein the Hispanic Federation states its goal to advocate for sexual and reproductive health "and rights.":

"Hispanic Federation has taken a national leadership role in raising awareness of Latino health disparities and promoting strategies to improve Latino health as well as increasing Latinos' access to affordable and quality healthcare.

Our portfolio is anchored by three central goals:

- - [Increasing access to healthcare](#)
 - [Supporting healthy lifestyles](#)
 - [Advocating for sexual and reproductive health and rights](#)

Scrolling down to the "Advocating for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights" portion of this page reveals that Hispanic Federation is explicitly working to promote unrestricted access to abortion, contraception, and comprehensive sex education.

Advocating for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Reproductive health and rights is critical to the Latino community. Unfortunately, a lack of access to quality reproductive healthcare and lack of knowledge concerning sexual and reproductive rights means that Latinos are more likely to experience reproductive cancers, unplanned pregnancies, sexual violence and sexually transmitted disease than other Americans. Hispanic Federation works to make sure that all Latinos have access to quality sexual and reproductive health services.

But our work extends beyond increasing access to healthcare. Our Reproductive Justice initiative is designed to challenge and change many of the structural issues that make it difficult for Latinos to take control over their reproductive health through raising awareness and advocating at the local, state and national level for policies which promote sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Hispanic Federation is also a partner in the I Am/Yo Soy campaign, which works to end silence about sex education, birth control, abortion, and young parenting. The campaign shows how understanding sexuality and reproductive health can make Latinos and their families more empowered, healthier and stronger. The campaign builds on a number of key principles:

- Decisions about birth control, abortion and parenting are ours to make
- Families need more access to health care and education, not less
- The need to speak out against attempts to restrict sexuality education or reproductive health options in our community
- The need to build tools and education to help us communicate with our young people openly about how to grow up safe and healthy

The Hispanic Federation's advocacy for abortion goes back to at least 2016, when it published an article titled "[Latina Reproductive Health on Trial](#)." In the article, Hispanic Federation complained about medical quality standards being imposed on abortion facilities, saying that such legislation would "make it impossible to secure an abortion in" Texas. The president of the Hispanic Federation, José Calderón, commented on the attempt by Texas to restrict access to abortion, saying:

“The fact is that anti-choice activists are getting bolder and savvier in their attempts to curtail how women control their bodies ... Reproductive health is critical to our families and communities and we can't allow legislatures to circumvent the law of the land.”

Latina Reproductive Health on Trial

In 2013, the Texas legislature attempted to do an end-run around protections of women's reproductive rights by passing a law, H.B. 2, which places onerous restrictions of individual medical providers and health clinics. Texas lawmakers, as the Center for Reproductive Rights has explained, required that physicians who provide abortion services to obtain admitting privileges at local hospitals within 30 miles away of the clinic in which they see patients and also mandated that every health care facility offering abortion care must meet building specifications that essentially turn these outposts of community healthcare into "mini-hospitals." Under the guise of protecting patients and ensuring quality medical care, the legislators attempted to make it impossible to secure an abortion in the state. Should the law go into effect, estimates are that 75 percent of abortion providers in Texas would have to close their doors.

The impact of H.B. 2 on Texas' Latinas would be enormous. As the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health (NLIRH) noted in its amicus brief with the Supreme Court, Latinas in Texas already face significant barriers to quality health care including lack of insurance, poverty, and access reliable to public transportation. The Texas law would make reproductive health care virtually inaccessible to Latinas throughout Texas but especially in the already underserved communities along the Texas-Mexico border.

Hispanic Federation has been keeping a close eye on the Whole Women's Health v. Hellerstad. The implications of the law stretch far beyond the Lone Star State and threaten women's health access throughout the United States. As part of the national I Am/Yo Soy campaign, Hispanic Federation has been raising awareness in Latino communities about the importance of protecting reproductive freedoms.

"The fact is that anti-choice activists are getting bolder and savvier in their attempts to curtail how women control their bodies," said Hispanic Federation President José Calderón. "Part of the reason we joined with the NLIRH and our other partners in the I Am/Yo Soy campaign was that we realized that protecting reproductive rights is a national issue and that the issues that affect Latinas in Texas today might very well be something that we have to address in Florida or California tomorrow. Reproductive health is critical to our families and communities and we can't allow legislatures to circumvent the law of the land."

For more information on the Hispanic Federation's work with the I Am/Yo Soy campaign, click [here](#).

In [May of 2022](#), the Hispanic Federation directly called on Congress to pass pro-abortion legislation. In the press release, the current president and CEO of the Hispanic Federation said:

"Hispanic Federation calls on Congress to pass legislation that will uphold our reproductive rights and represent the majority of American voters who believe that access to reproductive abortion healthcare should be legal. If *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, it will cause immeasurable damage to our civil rights. ... Hispanic Federation will continue to fight for access to comprehensive reproductive care with dignity and justice for everyone in our communities, regardless of what the Supreme Court decides."

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 3, 2022

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Hispanic Federation Calls on Congress to Pass Abortion Rights Legislation

WASHINGTON – A **draft opinion** from Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito leaked yesterday stating that a majority of Supreme Court justices could overturn *Roe v. Wade* - a 1973 Supreme Court decision that made abortion a constitutional right across the country. Hispanic Federation urgently calls on Congress to act swiftly in passing federal legislation that will protect the right to abortion. If *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, it will end the nearly 50 years of federal constitutional protection of abortion rights, making it one of the biggest restrictions and reversals to reproductive rights. If issued, the pending decision will disproportionately impact Latinos, people of color, low-income, and LGBTQ+ individuals, imposing grave risks to health and setting a dangerous precedent for overturning other civil rights protections.

On [June 24, 2022](#), the day the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, the Hispanic Federation "Vowed" to fight for women's "right" to have an abortion. Stated in the first paragraph of the press release the "Hispanic Federation condemns this decision and once again calls on Congress to immediately pass federal protections for abortion rights." The opening line of Hispanic Federation president Frankie Miranda's statement declares:

"We are outraged by the Supreme Court's decision today, which ended nearly 50 years of federal constitutional protections for abortion rights."

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 24, 2022

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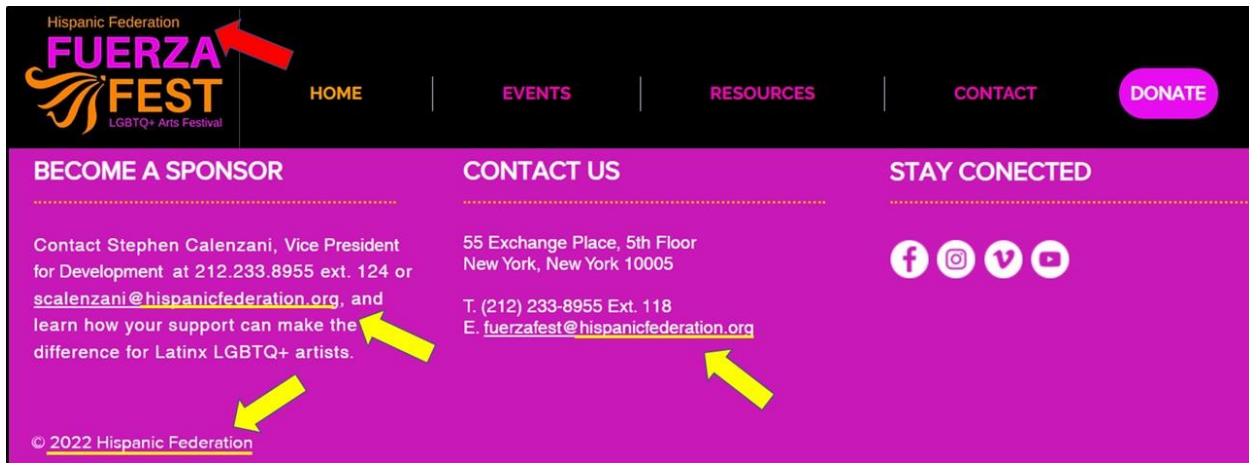
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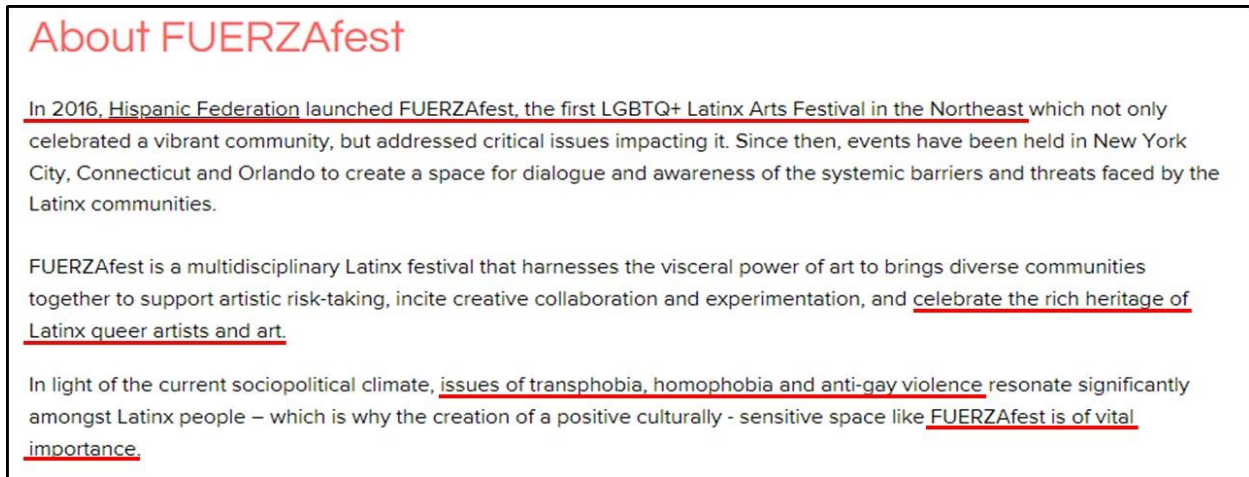
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Hispanic Federation Devastated and Horrified by Supreme Court Decision Overturning *Roe v. Wade* - Vows to Fight to Protect Our Rights

In addition to fully committing itself to the promotion and decriminalization of abortion, fighting to create absolute, unrestricted access to the murder of preborn children, the Hispanic Federation is also deeply committed to the promotion of the vilest forms of sexual debauchery. The Hispanic Federation runs an annual LGBTQI+ festival called "Fuerza Fest," which is full of the most disgusting displays of degeneracy imaginable. On the [Fuerza Fest website](#), in the upper left corner is a logo showing that it is a project of the Hispanic Federation. And on the bottom of the page, it shows that the website is the property of the Hispanic Federation and indicates the Hispanic Federation as the contact point for the program.



The "[About](#)" page for Fuerza Fest says that the annual festival was created by the Hispanic Federation in 2016.



A few screen captures from the [Fuerda Fest "memories" page](#) (which contains video of various performances throughout the years) is enough to illustrate just how thoroughly disgusting this activity is. Some of the images contained in these videos were so bad, we couldn't put them in this report.

2018



ANTICLIMAX
Written by Mateo Sancho Cardiel
Directed by Angel Morales
Presented by Hostos Repertory Company
Cast: Sandra Berrios, Roger Manzano, Bárbara Santiago, Josh Vega

2018



2020



ALONSO DANZA

New York, New York

2021



TOUCH
Performed and choreographed by
Brandon Cabrera, Sergio Rios



2018



CWC Membership in Jobs with Justice

The [CWC](#) is a member of the Chicago chapter of Jobs with Justice.

<u>CHICAGO JOBS WITH JUSTICE COALITION MEMBERS:</u>	
Chicago News Guild	SEIU Local 73
Chicago Teachers Union	SEIU Illinois State Council
<u>Chicago Workers Collaborative</u>	Sierra Club Illinois
Coalition of Labor Union Women	Teamsters Local 705
Cook County College Teachers' Union- IFT Local 1600	

According to Chicago [Jobs with Justice's tax form 990](#), JwJ collects membership dues, which strongly suggests that TCWC is financially supporting JwJ.

Form **990-EZ** **Short Form** **Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax** **2020** OMB No 1545-0047

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form, as it may be made public.
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Internal Revenue Service

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A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning **2020**, and ending **20**

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization: **Chicago Jobs with Justice**
Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): **333 S Ashland**
Room/suite: **03**
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: **Chicago, IL 60607**

D Employer identification number: **80-0111994**

E Telephone number: **312-738-6161**

F Group Exemption Number: **1**

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I Website: **www.chicagojwj.org**

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. **\$ 99,475**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	43,786
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	0
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	46,400
4	Investment income	4	0

Both the National Jobs with Justice and the Chicago chapter of Jobs with Justice are pro-abortion, pro-LGBTQ organizations.

On [June 26, 2022](#), two days after the day the Supreme Court issued its landmark decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*, Chicago JwJ posted an article about unions ripping the "vile and discriminatory" abortion ruling.



Chicago Jobs with Justice

June 26 · 🌐

<https://www.laborpress.org/unions-rip-supreme-courts.../>

Unions Rip Supreme Court's 'Vile and Discriminatory' Abortion Ruling



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On [June 26, 2016](#), Chicago Jobs with Justice hosted an event, supporting involvement in the LGBTQ Pride Parade.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2016 AT 1 PM – 5 PM EDT

Join the Chicago Teachers Union at Chicago Pride Parade

CTU Float • Broadway & Montrose, Chicago

Event by Chicago Jobs with Justice

CTU Float • Broadway & Montrose, Chicago

Duration: 4 hr

Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

The Chicago Teachers Union will join the 47th Annual Chicago Pride Parade on Sunday, June 26. This will be the sixth consecutive year that our union's LGBTQI members, allies and friends will participate in what always turns out to be a fun event on the city's North Side!

This year the school and student groups will march together, and we invite you to wear red when you join our marching contingent at this year's parade. The details of our float location will be announced soon.

We invite all Chicago public school teachers, students, staff, parents, and other LGBTQI and education allies to march with us! See less

On June 24 of 2022, the National [JwJ issued a public statement as an organization](#), slamming the decision as “reprehensible.”

Jobs With Justice Slams ‘Reprehensible’ U.S. Supreme Court Decisions for Delivering a Major Blow to Working People

Washington, DC – Today Jobs With Justice slammed a series of reprehensible rulings from the U.S. Supreme Court this week that dealt a major blow to working people, including its blockbuster decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*. Erica Smiley, Executive Director of Jobs With Justice, stated the following:

“For the first time in history, the US Supreme Court removed a bedrock constitutional right, overturning *Roe v. Wade* and letting states institute complete bans on abortion.

“Jobs With Justice stands with working women around the country in condemning this radical assault on our rights and settled law. We also join the call for government leaders, corporate CEOs, and workers everywhere to do everything in their power to protect women’s rights to control their bodies and access necessary health care, including the ability to terminate a pregnancy.

In August of 2020, JwJ’s executive director, [Erica Smiley issued a statement](#) on the JwJ website regarding Joe Biden’s pick of Kamala Harris as his running mate, demanding that “the campaign must fight for access to reproductive health care, including abortion.”

Erica Smiley, Executive Director, Jobs With Justice

“The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed longstanding structural inequities in our economy and workplace practices. Alongside VP candidate Kamala Harris, Joe Biden’s campaign must present their plans to ensure decent working conditions, fair wages, and an active voice for workers in decision-making. Additionally, given that nearly half of the US labor force—women—also manage multiple jobs on top of domestic labor, the campaign must fight for access to reproductive health care, including abortion, so that all working people and their families can make sustainable economic choices and live with dignity.”

Also in 2020, JwJ announced that it was joining a massive abortion effort called All Above All. [In an article for Women’s Media Center](#), JwJ executive director Erica Smiley was interviewed. She stated in this article, “Demanding abortion coverage and overturning Hyde is step one for us,” Smiley says, also noting that abortion coverage advances racial justice too. “That’s essential for women of color to actually be supported and get the resources they need to thrive.”

The article goes on to state, “Jobs with Justice’s key demands of the Biden administration and Congress, as both try to move forward on a relief package, include lifting the Hyde Amendment, a policy that restricts Medicaid coverage of abortion care.”

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Why Labor Advocates Want Abortion and Reproductive Care Covered



Erica Smiley, executive director of Jobs With Justice

As Congress works to pass President Biden’s \$1.9 trillion COVID stimulus bill, leaders of the movement for workers’ rights haven’t just been fighting for a \$15 minimum wage and other key protections for unions and low-wage workers to be included in the package. They’re also urgently fighting for coverage of reproductive health care, amid a pandemic that has exacerbated barriers to abortion and birth control — especially for low-wage workers, who are more likely to be women of color.

The inextricable intersections between economic justice and reproductive

justice have often been obscured by the siloing of the two issues. Yet,

[All* Above All’s website](#) confirms that JWJ is a coalition member:

Partner Organizations

All* Above All is a coalition is comprised of over 130 national, state and regional partner organizations committed to restoring federal funding for abortion.



Indicates Steering Committee Members

National Partners

- [Iapas](#)
- [Jobs With Justice](#) 
- [The Lawyering Project](#)
- [Medical Students for Choice](#)
- [MomsRising](#)
- [Ms. Foundation for Women](#)
- [NARAL Pro-Choice America](#)
- [National Abortion Federation](#)
- [National APA Women's Forum](#)
- [Surge Reproductive Justice](#)
- [Ultraviolet](#)
- [Union for Reform Judaism](#)
- [Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation](#)
- [URGE: Unite for Reproductive and Gender Equity](#)
- [We Testify](#)
- [Women Donors Network](#)
- [Women of Reform Judaism](#)

JWJ's recent social media is rabidly pro-abortion. Take, for instance, this [January 22, 2021 JWJ Facebook post](#) calling for "fighting for Abortion Justice for all of us."

 **Jobs With Justice** 
January 22 · 🌐

Today, Roe v. Wade turns 48. We need to [#ReimagineRoe](#) — because abortion care shouldn't depend on our income, insurance, zip code, or immigration status 🙏🙏🙏

Fight for [#AbortionJustice](#) with us and our friends at [All Above All Action](#) 🙌 <http://bit.ly/3qFpXWr>

Nearly 50 years later, we're fighting
for Abortion Justice for **all of us.**



ALLABOVEALL.ORG #ReimagineRoe #AbortionJustice

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Also, this [May 10, 2021 Facebook post](#) from JWJ calls for the end of Hyde restrictions on federal abortion funding:



Jobs With Justice

May 10 · 🌐



We're joining with our friends [All Above All Action](#) to urge [President Joe Biden](#) to lift restrictions and to [#BeBoldEndHyde](#) so that we can ALL access abortion care, regardless of our income level



Because reproductive justice is economic justice 🍌



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This example from JWJ's [Facebook feed on September 1, 2021](#) decries the Texas abortion

restrictions and states that “reproductive justice IS economic justice.”

Jobs With Justice
September 1 · 🌐

Being forced to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term will simultaneously force millions of women in poverty.

Reproductive justice IS economic justice -- and we ALL should be fighting like hell against SCOTUS' appalling lack of action 🙄🙄🙄

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The Strictest Abortion Ban in the US Just Went Into Effect
The Supreme Court let an unprecedented law that bans abortion as early as six weeks into pre...

Conclusion

It is baffling that Chicago Workers' Collaborative was permitted to receive grants in 2019 and 2020. It was directly and deliberately denied funding by the CCHD in 2013 because of its willing partnership with the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights following ICIRR's formal position in favor of same-sex "marriage." CWC's dues-paying membership in ICIRR has not changed, and ICIRR has gone beyond the support for same-sex "marriage" and now openly advocates for abortion as a "right." This is a clear example of the CCHD completely and undeniably refusing to follow its own guidelines on coalition memberships.

In addition to this, CWC is a member of the Hispanic Federation, which is radically pro-abortion and pro-LGBTQ, to the point of producing an annual near-pornographic festival.

What's more is that CWC has been collaborating with Planned Parenthood, participating in LGBTQ "pride" events, and endorsing the pro-abortion, pro-LGBTQ "Women's March on Springfield."

There is no way that CWC should have ever received a CCHD grant, and the fact that it did proves that the CCHD openly lies about its vetting process and adherence to Catholic moral teaching.