

COLLECTIVELY IMAGINING NEW FUTURES

With the loss of *Roe*, we've experienced chaos, uncertainty, anxiety, and fear.

But at the same time our movements have an opportunity now to reshape reproductive rights to be truly equitable for all communities. Collective Power's work continues to strengthen reproductive justice across movements in key ways.

Our programs have long been a space for activists working in the reproductive justice movement to connect, strategize, and to spark new movement activism. In 2023, our annual conference created generative spaces where hundreds of student and community activists could collaborate, vision abundantly, and strategize together.

We will continue to support the vision, power, and leadership of those most impacted by reproductive injustice. Through public engagement and collaborating across issues, we are building alignment within and across movements, centering empathy, collective care, and interdependence.

We remain committed to finding new paths to our collective liberation, as well as investing deeply in new organizing and new frameworks. Developing the next generation of leaders is a powerful strategy to realize our visions of a more just and equitable future.

Our work is strengthened by a constellation of aligned doulas, artists, cultural workers, academics, and activists all working towards building a future beyond *Roe*. **This is how we're building collective power.**

In solidarity, hope, and love,



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mia", enclosed within a blue circular stamp.

Mia Kim Sullivan, Executive Director

OUR COLLECTIVE IMPACT

Reproductive Justice is a framework created by Black women in 1994. Rooted in human rights, Reproductive Justice asserts that everyone should be able to maintain bodily autonomy, choose when and if to have children, and parent the children we have in safe environments. Reproductive Justice is a response to mainstream reproductive rights movements that did not address intersecting oppressions or consider the ways in which race, class, gender, sexuality, or other overlapping identities may impact our reproductive lives, bodies, and families. The framework centers the needs and leadership of those who have been excluded from traditional reproductive rights frameworks and goes beyond abortion access to advocate for self-determination and liberation.

Collective Power for Reproductive Justice is a national organization that empowers new activists and leaders to advance reproductive justice. We do this by engaging communities that have been disproportionately impacted by reproductive injustice. Our programs are strengthened by a network of individuals, organizations, and institutions that are committed to building a more just and equitable world. Our strategies include:

Training and supporting young people from diverse backgrounds to become leaders.

Supporting leadership of folx from marginalized groups by elevating their voices and experiences.

Building bridges across movements to achieve collective liberation.



32 %

OF THE ORGANIZATIONS WE
WORKED WITH OPERATE IN
STATES WITH

**RESTRICTIVE ABORTION
LEGISLATION**

57 %
OF PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS
IDENTIFIED AS
BIPOC

OVER

2 / 3

OF ORGANIZATIONS
WE WORKED
WITH ARE **BIPOC-LED**

COLLECTIVE POWER CONFERENCE 2023

For more than 30 years, Collective Power's annual conference has served as a launch pad for activists, academics, allies, emerging leaders, and partners to learn and grow together as we collectively work to build a more just and equitable world.

Collective Power 2023 was a powerful gathering of over 200 people from across 29 states, representing many different movements. Participants engaged in 20 workshops and plenaries. Highlights included: "Opposition 101: How-To and a Case Study," which explored the far right's attack on bodily autonomy,

and "Dobbs, Disability, and a Black Perspective," which explored the intersections of disability, racial justice, and queer/trans liberation movements.

Before the conference, 60 activists, researchers, and leaders gathered for a private forum to share experiences, strengthen efforts at intersectional movement building, and collectively map a path to resistance. Collective Power 2023 created a vital and rigorous space for us to cultivate leadership and strategize about how to strengthen our movements.

100 % OF
CONFERENCE
PRESENTERS
IDENTIFIED AS

**BIPOC, WOMEN, TRANS, AND/OR
GENDER NON-CONFORMING**

CONFERENCE ATTENDEES AT A GLANCE

61%

identified
as LGBTQ

60%

of
attendees
were 30
and under

50%

identified
as BIPOC

65%

were first
time
attendees

IGNITING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

In 2023, Collective Rising provided 35 paid internships to undergraduate students. Interns worked at organizations across the country to advance reproductive justice from a variety of perspectives, including grassroots campaign organizing, advocacy, front line support, maternal healthcare, youth leadership, and academia. Students also work

across a variety of movements and issues. They include economic justice, immigrant rights, Indigenous rights, racial justice, LGBTQIA+ rights, environmental justice, and mass incarceration.

Interns gained valuable skills and experience. Many are inspired to continue working in the reproductive justice movement.



Collective Rising internship cohort in 2023



LEADING THE RESISTANCE

The Challenging Population Control program at Collective Power seeks to produce research and support advocacy that counters the harmful legacy of population control rooted in xenophobia, militarism, fascism and white supremacy.

Over the past year, the program participated in and produced a variety of work to resist “overpopulation” politics and eugenics thinking that seeks to undermine migrant justice, poverty reduction, prison justice, and climate justice. This includes publishing one article in a peer reviewed journal and participating in two research networks concerning eugenics and population control. The program presented at events and conferences. Workshops and symposiums included “Ecofascism, Immigration, and Reproductive Sexual Rights” and “Challenging Population Control 101”.

In addition, the program reached people in exciting ways, including:

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PRESENTATIONS AT
ACADEMIC CONFERENCES,
COMMUNITY EVENTS,
AND FORUMS
ENGAGING

300

PARTICIPANTS

EXPANDING LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In June 2022, we launched our newly established Marlene Fund, celebrating the legacy of our long-time director Marlene Gerber Fried. The fund established the Collective Rising Fellowship program—paving a path for Collective Rising alums to mentor new cohorts.



Our fellows have provided critical support and connection for students currently in Collective Rising internships. In this time of political upheaval, the fellowship has provided continuity, guidance, and a sense of belonging.

The Marlene Fund has provided a valuable leadership development opportunity for our program alums: the ability to share their experiences and learnings with current students, and to discover how much they have to offer.

Students and fellows participating in our first two pilot years are now working as teachers, researchers, grassroots organizers, and board leaders at youth organizing, community education, and leadership development nonprofits (including Collective Power); in campus, state-based, and national advocacy groups; and with clinics, full-spectrum doula collectives, and abortion funds.

OUR TEAM

Collective Power is a WOC-led organization with a team of 13 staff members who are passionate about reproductive justice. Our team is diverse in terms of race, ethnicity, age, and lived experience. We are committed to creating a culture that centers people's humanity.

Our board co-presidents are young women of color. Fifty five percent of our board identify as women of color, and 55% are age 35 or younger.

Both our staff and board include people who have participated in our programs and do work outside of Collective Power that is within or adjacent to the reproductive justice movement. This diversity of experience and perspective is essential to our work, allowing us to connect to a wide range of people and communities.

"This organization has been a political home for me for nearly a decade. Collective Power is where I was first exposed to the reproductive justice movement and is the place that has continued to anchor me in the repro community."

– Nargis Aslami, Collective Power Board Co-President