

Human and Civil Rights Award Winner

◆ OneAmerica With Justice for All ◆

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Award



OneAmerica With Justice for All is a Washington State non-profit organization that is dedicated to building power in immigrant and refugee communities. Believing in the rights of all students receiving the best education, they work with parents, educators, and allies to make

sure that all families, no matter their immigration status, have an education system that is inclusive, responsive and that meets the needs of every student. They are committed to identifying the cultural and language barriers that often prevent parents from fully participating in their child's education, and students from having access to educational programs that are meant for everyone. They have made sure that schools honor and respect all students' cultures, by introducing and passing legislation that expands Dual-Language Instruction to dozens of Washington Schools. Additionally, OneAmerica fought for the Washington Dream Act, allowing all Washington students in-state college tuition, regardless of their immigration status.

OneAmerica is led by its theory of change that begins with community organizing and leadership development in immigrant and refugee communities of color to create political space for grassroots leaders to shape and reform critical policies, practices, institutions, and movements that impact their own lives. OneAmerica engages grassroots leaders and members in targeted geographic communities through their civic engagement model: organizing, leadership development, naturalization, voter registration, voter education and turn-out, developing candidates for appointed and elected office, and people of color-led governance. A theory and activism model for success!

With the help of other groups in Washington State, OneAmerica is a founding member of the Washington Immigrant Society Network (WAISN), a group of organizations dedicated to defending all immigrants. Because of the political climate causing immigration raids to be at an all-time high, WAISN implemented the first Immigration Raid Hotline. OneAmerica builds grassroots power to push counties and cities to guarantee that local law enforcement will not collaborate with federal immigration enforcement authorities in sharing sensitive information, and that due process and legal rights be upheld for immigrants, refugees and all Americans.

OneAmerica has also played a key role in improving work opportunities, wages, and working conditions for minorities and low wage workers. This organization advocates for election reforms that empower marginalized communities. OneAmerica With Justice for All is a welcoming and learning community committed to racial equity and every individual's human rights and racial equity and effectively using their resources to improve the nation.