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ACLU-KY Volunteer Newsletter - August 2026

☀️ Happy Summer! The ACLU of Kentucky team has spent the summer attending conferences, welcoming various organizations to the office, and preparing our work for the 2026 General Election.

This issue of The Post covers updates on some legal cases, an exciting bill signing, and a few Development Team updates.

You can learn more about the work the ACLU of Kentucky does at our website, which is linked below!

[ACLU-KY WEBSITE](#)

ACLU-KY ADVOCACY ORGANIZING INTERNSHIP OPENING



The Advocacy Team is hiring an intern! The Advocacy Team works to protect and advance civil liberties and civil rights across the Commonwealth through legislative lobbying and advocacy, organizing and mobilization of our volunteers, and non-litigation legal advocacy. Our team collaborates with other ACLU-KY teams, various organizations across Kentucky, diverse coalitions, and directly impacted Kentuckians to drive systemic changes in Kentucky communities.

This position pays \$9,600 over the course of 32 weeks.

Applicants must submit a résumé and cover letter to Richelle@aclu-ky.org with the subject line "Advocacy Organizing Internship".

[JOB POSTING LINK](#)

PROTECTING RIGHTS AND BUILDING MOMENTUM



It has been a busy and impactful summer for our legal team, with important victories for free speech, voter privacy, and democracy in Kentucky.

In Letcher County, we recently won a preliminary injunction on behalf of Elizabeth Jones, a mother who was banned from school property and events because of protected speech. The court's ruling allows Ms. Jones to return to school activities while her case continues.

That matters because parents should not be forced to choose between speaking freely and participating in their children's lives. Public officials cannot punish people simply because they dislike or take offense at what someone says. Even though the case is still ongoing, this ruling is an important step toward protecting First Amendment rights across the Commonwealth.

We also helped secure an important victory for Kentucky voters when a federal court dismissed the Department of Justice's lawsuit seeking sensitive voter information, including dates of birth, driver's license numbers, and Social Security numbers.

The ACLU of Kentucky, the ACLU, and our partners intervened because participating in democracy should never require voters to surrender their privacy. Protecting voting rights is about more than access to the ballot. It also means ensuring voters are not intimidated, targeted, or discouraged from making their voices heard.

These victories are worth celebrating, but our work is not slowing down. As we look toward the fall, we are continuing our efforts to safeguard Kentucky's elections, protect voter privacy, provide reliable voting information, and help turn out voters across the Commonwealth.

The stakes are high. So is our determination.

ONE YEAR OF LOUISVILLE'S ICE DETAINER POLICY



This August marks one year since Mayor Craig Greenberg changed Louisville's long-standing policy and directed Louisville Metro Department of Corrections to honor 48-hour ICE detainer requests.

Since that decision, ICE detainer activity involving LMDC has risen sharply. The policy has placed additional pressure on an already overcrowded jail and created a clearer path from local custody into federal immigration detention.

The ACLU of Kentucky continues to educate the public about the harm caused by this policy and is urging Mayor Greenberg to reverse course. Louisville should not use local jail beds, public resources, or taxpayer dollars to support a federal deportation system that has not made our community safer.

FAMILY PRESERVATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT BILL SIGNING



Governor Andy Beshear hosted a ceremonial bill signing for the Family Preservation and Accountability Act.

This victory belongs to so many. Thank you to the lawmakers who championed this legislation, our coalition partners who stood with us every step of the way, and the countless advocates and volunteers who courageously shared their deeply personal, and often painful, experiences.

Together, we've taken an important step toward a stronger, more compassionate Kentucky.



Mark your calendar for Sept. 10 and add ACLU-KY to your Give for Good 2026 nonprofits to support!

We are looking for at least 5 new Peer-to-Peer Fundraisers for Give for Good 2026!

With a goal of raising \$80,000, we need to reach as many new supporters as possible and increase the number of donations from outside of Louisville to grow and strengthen our

network across the state.

If you would like to be a Peer-to-Peer Fundraiser, please email Jill Seelmeyer at jseelmeyer@aclu-ky.org for instructions on how to set up your Peer-to-Peer page!

SAVE THE DATE: THE BILL OF RIGHTS DINNER RETURNS



Mark your calendars for the return of the [Carl L. Wedekind Bill of Rights Dinner](#) on Thursday, November 5, at the Frazier Kentucky History Museum in Louisville.

After more than a decade, we're proud to once again bring together advocates, supporters, and community leaders from across the Commonwealth for an evening celebrating the enduring fight for freedom, equality, and justice.

We're especially honored to welcome **Deborah Archer**, President of the National ACLU, as our keynote speaker. A nationally recognized civil rights leader, legal scholar, and one of today's most influential voices on civil liberties, Deborah will offer timely insight into the challenges and opportunities facing our movement.

[Sponsorship opportunities are now available](#), and we invite individuals, businesses, and organizations to stand with us in supporting the work of protecting civil liberties in Kentucky.

We hope you'll join us for an inspiring evening as we celebrate our shared commitment to the rights and freedoms that unite us.



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