



WHAT WE DO

- AOP **links** major Alabama organizations working to improve the quality of life for all Alabama residents.
- AOP **develops** new grassroots leaders who can organize and mobilize their communities to improve their lives.
- AOP **advocates** for policies designed to make life better for low-income Alabamians. This includes tax reform, access to quality child care, constitutional reform, immigration reform and improved access to nutritious food.



GET INVOLVED

The Alabama Organizing Project is now accepting applications for its next class of aspiring grassroots leaders. Successful candidates will demonstrate a commitment to social justice and a passion for lifting up Alabama and its people. They will be willing to work hard to advance their goals and the goals of their community.

To apply, download an application from our website or call the AOP office to order one by mail.

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GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Grassroots to State House

COLLABORATING FOR ALABAMA

For 15 years, the Alabama Organizing Project (AOP) has been training the future leaders of Alabama to speak out and educate others for social justice.

AOP is a unique collaboration of six organizations: Arise Citizens' Policy Project, the Alabama Coalition Against Hunger, the Federation of Child Care Centers of Alabama, the Federation of Southern Cooperatives, Greater Birmingham Ministries and the Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama.

DEVELOPING GRASSROOTS LEADERS

The Grassroots Leadership Development (GLD) Program is a leadership training program designed by AOP to help people become more effective leaders in their communities. Participants come from across the state, representing diverse backgrounds, interests and abilities. GLD brings them together for training designed to enhance existing skills, teach new ones and facilitate constructive work for change in communities and organizations back home.

The GLD program offers participants the opportunity to attend a series of workshops held over a seven-month period. These workshops are integrated with active learning tasks that help trainees develop leadership and advocacy skills. Trainees work closely with experienced community organizers to cause change in their

communities as they network with others to cause change across the state.

Participants learn to challenge external and internalized oppression, make persuasive presentations, plan and carry out effective issue campaigns, communicate effectively with the media and work constructively in their communities. Our graduates build a portfolio to document their experiences and successes.

MAKING ALABAMA BETTER

The Alabama Organizing Project represents the largest network for social justice organizing in Alabama. Collectively, we have more than 100 years of experience advocating for social change in Alabama. But there is more work to be done. Together we can make Alabama a better place to live.



“BEING A PART OF THIS PROGRAM HAS IMPROVED MY PRESENTATION SKILLS, ENHANCED MY COMMUNICATION SKILLS, INCREASED MY KNOWLEDGE AND HELPED ME TO BE AWARE OF THE NEEDS OF MY COMMUNITY. FINALLY, IT HAS GIVEN ME PRIDE AND THE CONFIDENCE THAT I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN MY COMMUNITY.”

