



This is a pivotal moment for our grassroots organization - and for civil rights for all of us!

Chosen Family Law Center
is building the legal framework to
protect rights to bodily autonomy
and freedom to form family —
no matter how one's gender
or family is defined.

We're making a major impact in New York City
and State on civil rights policy, building a fortress
from federal/other state interference. This work
safeguards democracy and is a national model.

**Local civil rights advocacy *matters*, but
is massively underfunded. We need
your support in this critical moment!**



Chosen Family Law Center's multifaceted approach offers individual clients **free legal representation**, and we work towards systemic transformation with expansive **public & professional education** that's cited nationwide, and by **drafting and passing laws** in New York and beyond to protect LGBTQIA+ and non-nuclear communities — which defends democracy and civil rights for all of us!

Please consider making a donation to support our life-saving legal work for the LGBTQIA+ community.

Read on for our 2025 Year in Review & learn how your year-end gift will make a huge impact in 2026.

The Guardian

authorities tell airlines to disregard 'X' on passports

Border Protection **implemented a rule this week** that will disregard "X" sex markers on passports and input an "M" instead.

have continued to prevent the **Trump administration** from a third gender marker, this week's rule can still serve to trans and non-binary people more difficult, said Andy legal director at the Chosen Family Law Center.

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2025 Year in Review

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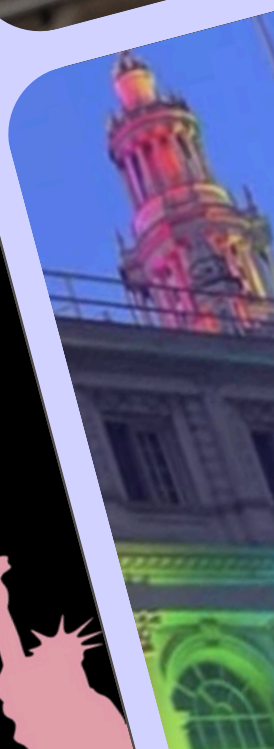
**NYC Council passes
landmark legislation
to protect our
Trans/GNCNBI
communities!**

We're proud to have worked with
NYC Council Members & their staff
over the past few months.

Thank you to everyone who
called their Council Members!



**Family and
Relationship
Structure Non-
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We helped pass precedent-setting trans protection laws in NYC in 2025!



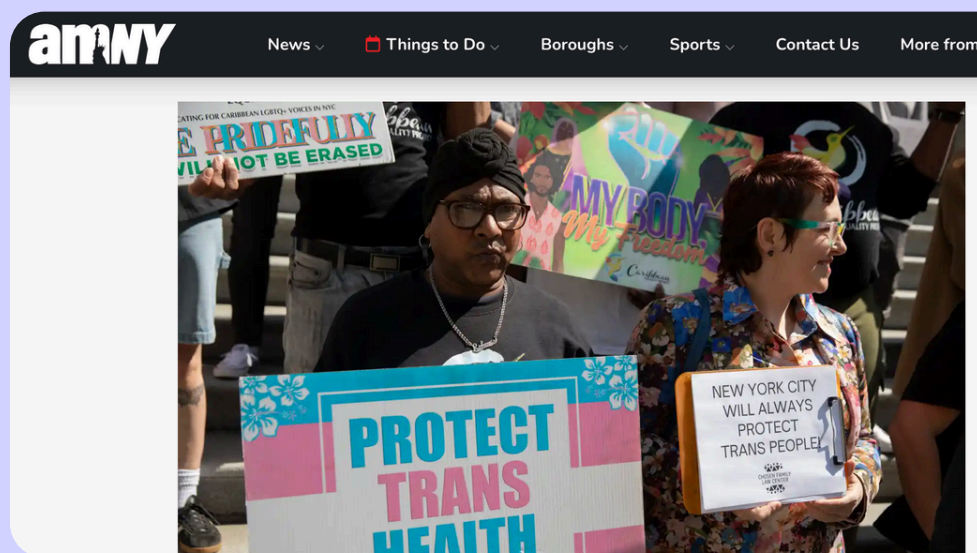
Diana & Andy teach at NYC Council Legislative Division in February 2025.

Diana featured in AM/NY at the press conference in April 2025.

We were invited by **New York City Council's Legislative Division** to offer a **Continuing Legal Education** class about how to protect LGBTQIA+ families and trans communities given the policies elsewhere attacking us.

In February 2025, we submitted a 100-page legal brief and taught the CLE, which was recorded and distributed to NYC government attorneys, legislative drafters, and Council Members' offices. Then we helped to draft the bills, testified in chambers, and attended the press conference to celebrate passage of the **most protective & intersectional LGBTQIA+ laws in the U.S. just two months later!**

In 2026, we're poised to build on these positive connections with NYC Council and pass more laws to protect all of us.



Public & Professional Education

Our public education and **know your rights** materials have been some of the **most cited nationwide**. This year we've been featured in: *The Guardian*, *NY Times*, *Rolling Stone*, *OUT Magazine*, *Scarleteen Magazine*, *LGBTQ Nation*, *Reuter's Context*, & *Dan Savage's Lovecast*, among others.

Our attorneys Diana Adams and Andy Izenson taught legal education classes and were featured speakers at the National LGBTQ+ Bar's **Lavender Law Conference**. We utilize our innovative work to train other attorneys nationwide to provide culturally competent services.



Andy speaks on a panel



Mika and Reilly (CFLC interns) tabling at Lav Law

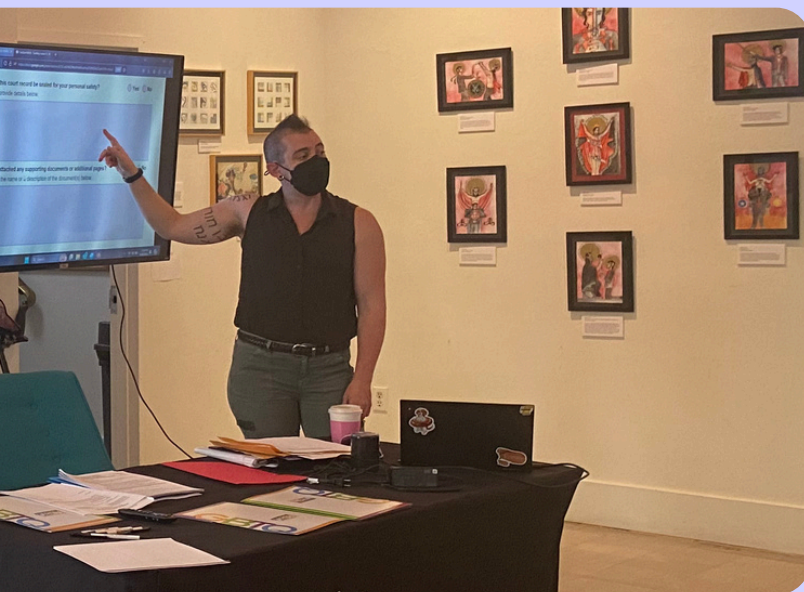


Diana leads a roundtable

Direct Client Services & Name Change Clinics

In the wake of the inauguration, we received 4x the number of inquiries for free legal services. This year, our Senior Legal Director Andy Izenson supported dozens of clients with **Second Parent Adoption and Parentage Orders, Name and/or Gender Marker Change Orders, Will and Estate Family Protection Packages, and Known Donor Agreements.** We referred many clients out to culturally competent providers in other states or areas of law.

To expand our reach, we've developed partnerships with health centers (like Hetrick Martin, Family Health Centers, and Elmhurst Hospital Pride Center), and community hubs (like Brooklyn Community Pride Center and Hudson Valley LGBTQ Center). In 2025, over 50 individuals participated in our **free name change clinics and identity document information sessions** in NYC and the Hudson Valley.



Andy walks participants through the pro se filing forms so they can complete their name change petitions.



Andy & August (CFLC intern) provide free identity document information at the Brooklyn Community Pride Center.

This year in particular, LGBTQIA+ rights are under attack like never before.



Our Executive Director Diana Adams was featured in OUT Magazine for rallying crowds at festivals, drag, and comedy shows during NYC Pride in June 2025.

Your donations make it possible for our attorneys to focus on passing laws to protect democracy, rather than fundraising, in 2026.

Help us protect trans people, bolster the rights of queer parents & chosen families, and create a safe fortress around New York through legislative advocacy!

CHOSEN FAMILY LAW CENTER

We're poised to make a huge legislative impact next year!

Our Executive Director **Diana Adams** is the *new Policy Co-Chair* for the **NYC Trans & Queer Provider Advocacy Coalition**, and they'll be working with Mamdani's new **Office of LGBTQ+ Affairs** and **NYC Council** to pass strong laws to protect LGBTQIA+ people, non-nuclear families, and civil rights for all. Plus our Senior Legal Director **Andy Izenon** is working with the Ulster County Executive and some members of the **Ulster County Legislature** to *introduce multi-partner domestic partnership and family structure nondiscrimination laws* in the Hudson Valley, the 1st in NY State.

We were part of the team that passed the **Protect Trans Futures** bills in NYC this year, and we've previously passed laws in coalition to protect queer and non-nuclear families in the Bay Area, CA and Boston area, MA. Plus we collaboratively **launched a legislative toolkit** to help folks nationwide pass expansive local protections for family and relationship structure nondiscrimination. We've built relationships with our legislators and just **need your support to increase staff hours so our attorneys can focus on drafting and passing laws!**



Diana received the Ashoka Fellowship for visionary social entrepreneurs, and their forthcoming book "Chosen Family" will be published by Penguin Random House in 2027.

In 2026, we'll train more attorneys in LGBTQIA+ cultural competency!



We're changing the legal landscape – both by passing laws *and* by educating attorneys, judges, social workers, and health practitioners.

In 2026, we're launching our own series of **Continuing Legal Education** classes on topics ranging from *Transgender Legal Protections* to *Trauma Informed Lawyering* to *Supporting Polyamorous and Non-Nuclear Families*.

Diana and Andy are sought-after educators and we're thrilled to offer sliding-scale LGBTQIA+ cultural competency classes, ensuring accessibility to free legal service providers and those in less served rural areas.

We're also expanding our **National Referral Network** of vetted culturally sensitive legal professionals.

We're listening to what our community needs and translating their needs directly into our legislative drafting, public education, and continuing legal education classes. **This is the essential work your donations support!**

Our Senior Legal Director Andy Izenson is on faculty at Harvard Law School's LGBTQ+ Advocacy Clinic, teaches regularly across the U.S., and is a prolific poet.

Please give if you can!

*And share with your loved ones about
why our work matters to you*

Every dollar makes a difference.

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