



Participants explore wealth distribution in the U.S.

Summer Leadership Institute 2008

This year, the Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program brought together over 30 reproductive rights and social justice activists in the beautiful coastal region of Essex, MA at the Essex Conference and Retreat Center for four days of networking, learning, and laughing.

Our fourth annual Summer Leadership Institute took place from July 8 – July 11, 2008, and offered trainings, workshops, and talks on various subjects at the intersections of reproductive justice.

We began our program with a history of the movement and introduction to reproductive justice framework, led by Marlene Gerber-Fried and former Summer Leadership Institute participant and Senior Advocacy Associate at the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, Miriam Pérez.

The week culminated with a talent show featuring the creative talents of many participants, mentors and speakers, and some lively cheerleading by CLPP staff.



Participants learning about the Prison Industrial Complex.

Other workshops and activities included:

Coaching and Mentoring; Understanding the Right as a Prerequisite to Reproductive Justice; Organizing on Healthcare as a Human Right; Population Control and Climate Justice; Class and the Economy; Media Skills; Gender Diversity; Addressing the Needs of Trans Communities in Your Work; Prisons, Reproductive Oppression and Abolition; and Wanderlust: Traveling, Sharing Stories and Building the Movement for Reproductive Justice.

A highlight of our Summer Leadership Institute was the ever-popular and inspiring inter-generational series, Lifetimes of Activism, featuring Laura Kaplan, Betsy Hartmann, Loretta Ross, and Nilda Moreno.



Examining the Intersections of Prisons and Reproductive Justice

2008 Summer Leadership Institute Participants, Mentors, and Speakers included activists from Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health, NARAL Pro-Choice New York, Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, Guttmacher Institute, Center for American Progress, Political Research Associates, ACLU of Pennsylvania, Ipas, Pro-Choice Public Education Project, Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies, the Jane Collective, ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project, Memphis Center for Reproductive Health, SPARK! Reproductive Justice Now, Women's Health and Justice Initiative,

Boston Medical Center, Reproductive Health Technologies Project, Merger Watch, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, United for a Fair Economy, SisterSong, New York Civil Liberties Union, Project South, Backline, Stonewall Youth.

