

Justice 
For All 
Immigrants 


FOCUSED

ON WHAT MATTERS

Defending *Immigrant Rights* • Delivering *Stability* • Strengthening *Communities*

2025
ANNUAL REPORT

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Our Foundation

Justice for all Immigrants (JFAI) is a nonprofit organization established in 2014 in Houston, Texas, and dedicated to providing affordable, high-quality immigration legal services. Rooted in justice and inclusivity, JFAI serves immigrant communities in Houston and San Antonio, Texas. Our work is driven by a commitment to dignity, compassion, and access to legal support for those most impacted by immigration barriers.

Our programs include Unaccompanied Children, Deportation Defense, Asylum Project, Survivors Assistance, and General Immigration Assistance. Together, these programs reflect our holistic approach to meeting urgent legal needs while advocating for long-term stability, safety, and opportunity for immigrants and their families.



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide low-income individuals and families with affordable, **high-quality immigration legal services**, and **engage in immigration education and advocacy**.

OUR VALUES

Inclusivity
Compassion
Sustainability
Empathy
Accountability
Community
Quality

Message from Executive Director



In 2025, **JFAI marked ten years** of providing high-quality immigration legal services to immigrants in Texas.

Ten years of representing individuals and families in courtrooms.

Ten years of helping people face complex systems they did not fully understand.

Ten years of helping move clients from fear toward stability.

When JFAI first opened its doors, the need was urgent. Our first client walked through the door my second day on the job. **Today, the need is even greater.**

Each year, hundreds of legal decisions determine whether a family stays together, whether a domestic violence survivor can work legally, and whether a child can remain safe in the United States. Behind every case is a person navigating one of the most vulnerable moments of their life. In a year marked by policy shifts, funding disruptions, and rising fear within immigrant communities, JFAI stayed focused on our mission.

Our work spans community education, courtroom advocacy, and direct legal services. Our work is grounded in always being present when a family believes they have no options left.

As we celebrate ten years of service, we do so with humility. This work has been sustained by the trust of our clients and the generosity of donors, churches, foundations, and partners who believe that access

to justice should not depend on income or immigration status.

This milestone is not a finish line. The demand for affordable, high-quality immigration legal services continues to grow. Immigration filing fees have increased. Processing delays are extended. Survivors face impossible choices between safety and stability. Families remain vulnerable to sudden detention and shifting enforcement priorities.

Our commitment over the upcoming years is to:

- Deepen our legal expertise.
- Strengthen sustainable funding.
- Expand access so more families can fight their cases with representation instead of facing the system alone.

Justice is built through individualized attention to our clients' most pressing needs. Thank you for believing in our work. Together, we can move more individuals from fear to protection, from insecurity to belonging, and from survival to long-term stability.

The need is vital. The work is urgent. Our commitment is unwavering.

With sincere thanks,

Joy Green
Executive Director

Communities Represented

641

New Clients Served



310

Women

231

Men

05

Other

95

Children

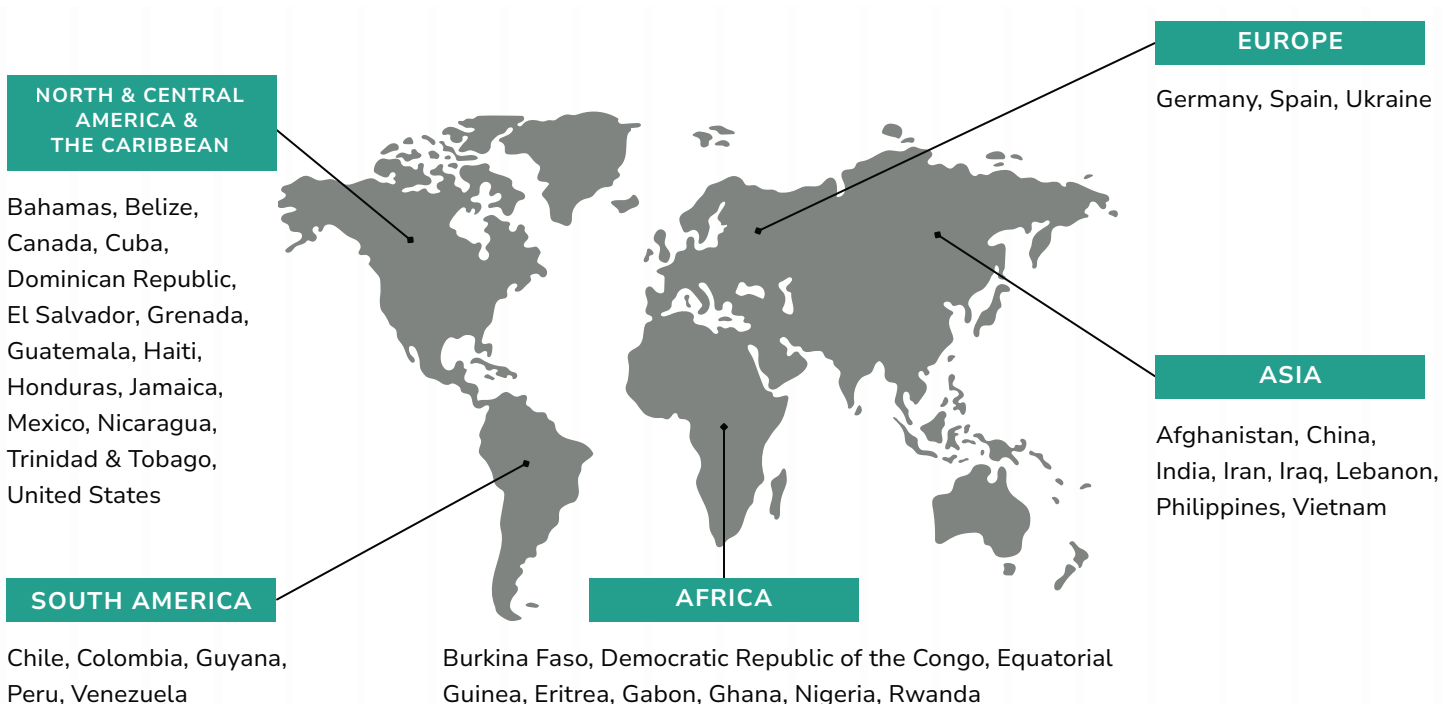
We proudly serve individuals with diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender identities. This breadth of representation highlights the essential role of accessible, high-quality legal services in a rapidly shifting landscape.

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Countries of Origin



Our clients originate from dozens of countries, reflecting the wide scope of our impact and the global dimensions of today's immigration system. Our work extends across borders, cultures, and continents.



Impact Measured

2,141

TOTAL CASES MANAGED

JFAI provided legal representation, consultations, and case support across multiple immigration programs.

1,162

TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED

Individuals and families received legal guidance and representation while navigating complex immigration processes.

893

Rollover Cases (2024 to 2025)



1,248

New 2025 Cases



521

Rollover Clients (2024 to 2025)



641

New 2025 Clients



Types of Legal Assistance Provided

37%

ESCAPING VIOLENCE

Clients seeking protection from domestic abuse, trafficking, or other forms of violence through humanitarian legal relief.

26%

WORK AUTHORIZATION

Individuals pursuing permission to lawfully work and build financial stability while their cases move forward.

24%

FAMILY REUNIFICATION

Families working to reunite with loved ones and secure lawful status together in the United States.

13%

CITIZENSHIP

Lawful permanent residents applying for citizenship or naturalization to fully participate in civic life.

147

CLIENTS OBTAINED WORK AUTHORIZATION

Work permits enable individuals to achieve financial independence and support their families.

40

CLIENTS BECAME LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENTS

Placing individuals on a pathway toward U.S. citizenship.

Client Outcomes in 2025

33

CLIENTS BECAME U.S. CITIZENS ↑ 267% INCREASE FROM 2024

These new citizens can now vote, travel freely, and fully participate in civic life in the United States.

29

UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN RECEIVED LEGAL SCREENINGS ↑ 45% INCREASE FROM 2024

Helping more vulnerable youth access immigration protections and safeguard their childhood and educational opportunities.

Unaccompanied Children Program

A Future Made Possible

When Iris's family first came to JFAI, they were focused on protecting her younger sister, who lives with a severe disability. The family was overwhelmed, trying to manage daily caregiving needs while navigating a complex immigration system without clear guidance.

During a review of the family's situation, JFAI attorneys discovered that Iris herself qualified for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), a form of protection available to certain children who cannot safely reunite with a parent. For many young people who arrive in the United States alone or without stable family support, the immigration and family court systems can be difficult to navigate.

Through the Unaccompanied Children Program, JFAI provides legal representation to help these children pursue protection and remain safely in the United States.

Since 2022, JFAI has represented Iris at every stage of her case, accompanying her to court and helping her navigate shifting policies that threatened her ability to stay. With steady legal advocacy, her work permit was approved, allowing her to obtain a Social Security Number and begin building independence.

Today, Iris is starting high school with new confidence. She is preparing to obtain her driver's license and hopes to attend college, milestones that once felt uncertain but are now within reach.

For children who arrive in the United States alone after fleeing violence, abuse, or instability, legal representation can mean the difference between facing the system alone and having a path forward. Through the Unaccompanied Children Program, JFAI continues to guide young people like Iris through asylum and SIJS cases, advocating for their safety and future at every stage of the process.

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Deportation Defense Program

Detained Without Cause

Mateo came to the United States as a young child after losing his mother and being separated from his father. Growing up without parental support, he did everything he could to build a stable life. Eventually, the government granted him Special Immigrant

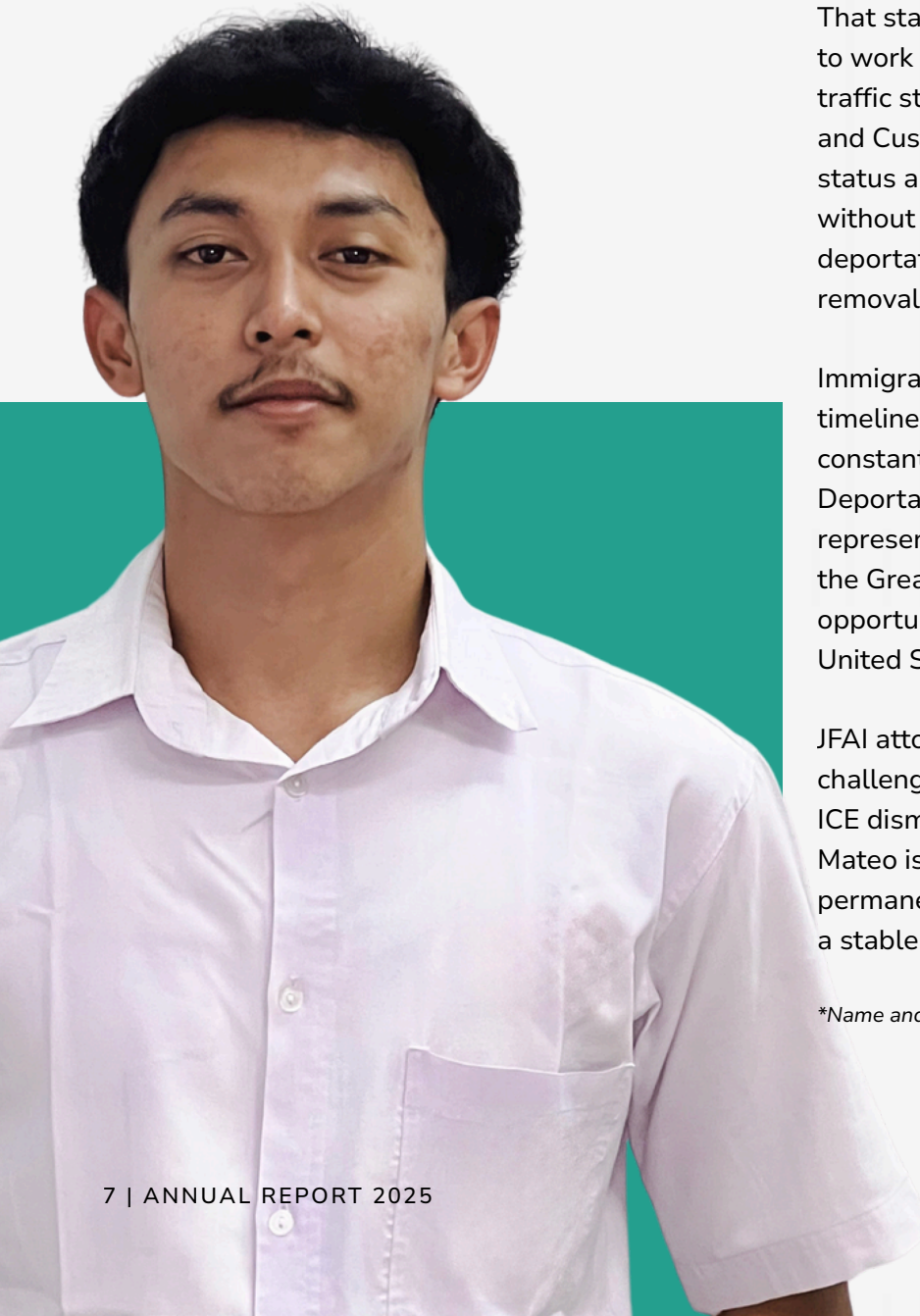
Juvenile Status (SIJS), recognizing that he had been abandoned and qualified for protection under the law. With SIJS approved, his immigration court case was dismissed, allowing him to work and plan for his future while waiting for his green card.

That stability disappeared in an instant. On his way to work one day, Mateo was stopped during a routine traffic stop and taken into custody by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), despite having SIJS status and no criminal record. Before he knew it and without any explanation, he found himself back in deportation proceedings, facing the possibility of removal.

Immigrants placed in detention often face rapid court timelines, limited access to legal counsel, and the constant threat of family separation. JFAI's Deportation Defense Program provides critical legal representation to individuals held in detention across the Greater Houston area, ensuring they have a fair opportunity to defend their right to remain in the United States.

JFAI attorneys stepped in to represent Mateo and challenge the detention. After weeks in legal limbo, ICE dismissed his case and released him. Today, Mateo is free and continuing the process toward permanent residency, able to focus again on building a stable future.

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Survivors Assistance Program

Freedom After Years of Silence

Lina came to the United States from West Asia after fleeing an arranged marriage, hoping to build a safer life and new opportunities. Soon after arriving in Houston, she married a man who initially appeared supportive but later became abusive.

Without a support system, financial resources, or a clear understanding of her immigration status, Lina remained in the relationship far longer than she should have, fearing what might happen if she tried to leave.

Survivors of domestic violence and other crimes often face overlapping challenges, including trauma, financial insecurity, fear of retaliation, and uncertainty about their legal rights. Many remain trapped in abusive situations because leaving could mean losing housing, income, or immigration protection.

JFAI's Survivors Assistance Program helps individuals overcome these barriers through trauma-informed immigration legal services designed to prioritize safety, stability, and long-term independence.

When Lina reached out to JFAI for help, attorneys discovered that she was unknowingly in removal proceedings. The legal team took her case, filed a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) self-petition, and worked through multiple immigration hearings and applications to secure protection.

After a four-year legal process, Lina's permanent residency was approved. Today, she is free to work legally, travel, and reunite with her family abroad as she continues to rebuild her life.

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Asylum Project

Rebuilding While Waiting

When Fabiana arrived in the United States from Honduras at sixteen, she was searching for safety and a chance to reunite with her mother after her grandmother's death left her and her siblings without protection. Shortly after

arriving, Fabiana and her younger brother were detained by immigration authorities. During detention, her brother was diagnosed with cancer, adding a heavy medical and emotional burden to an already fragile situation.

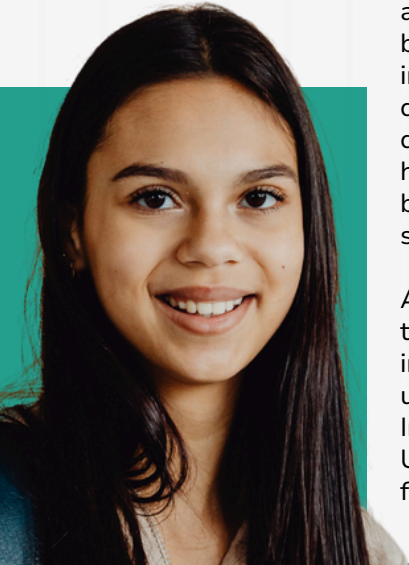
After their release, Fabiana turned to JFAI for help with her immigration case and understanding her options. Individuals seeking asylum in the United States often arrive after fleeing violence or persecution,

only to face a complex and constantly shifting legal process. Long waiting periods, evolving policies, and high evidentiary standards can make the journey toward protection difficult to navigate without legal support. Through the Asylum Project, JFAI provides legal guidance and representation to help asylum seekers pursue protection, apply for work authorization, and move forward while their cases progress.

With JFAI's representation, Fabiana was able to pursue asylum affirmatively. While waiting for her asylum interview, she received work authorization, allowing her to begin supporting her family.

Today, Fabiana works as a cook alongside her mother to help support their household. She has completed her GED and continues balancing work and caregiving as her brother undergoes treatment.

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General Immigration Assistance

Citizenship Secured

When the Vi-ura family's father attended a JFAI citizenship workshop in June 2024, he carried a quiet but urgent concern: were his five children fully recognized as U.S. citizens?

He believed he had done everything required, yet documentation gaps left him unsure whether their status was secure. Without official proof of citizenship, milestones such as future college enrollment, travel, or future employment could become complicated.

At the workshop, JFAI attorneys reviewed the situation and identified that the children might qualify for derived U.S. citizenship, a process through which children obtain citizenship through a parent when specific legal conditions are met. The workshop became the starting point for further consultation and legal work.

Through the General Immigration Assistance program, JFAI worked with the family to review records, prepare applications for Certificates of Citizenship, and guide them through the process.

Three of the children moved forward with applications and were approved. For this family, the outcome meant more than documentation. It meant their children's place here is secure.

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Trust Built Through Action

As immigration policies shifted and many families faced growing legal insecurity, JFAI spent the past decade expanding access to immigration legal services while strengthening outreach throughout Texas. Since its founding, the organization has worked to ensure immigrant communities have access to reliable legal guidance, trusted information, and support when navigating a complex legal system.

Over time, JFAI grew from a small Houston-based effort into a multi-program organization serving children and families in several regions. Key milestones included launching legal services in Houston, expanding deportation defense representation, adapting services during the COVID-19 pandemic through virtual consultations, and increasing access through new partnerships and programs.

More recently, JFAI expanded services in San Antonio, strengthened support for unaccompanied children and citizenship applicants, and continued building partnerships with community organizations, schools, and faith institutions. Together, these efforts reflect a decade of steady growth and a continued commitment to ensuring immigrant families have access to trusted legal support and pathways toward stability.



A DECADE OF IMPACT

Since 2015, JFAI has expanded access to immigration legal services while strengthening support for children and families across Texas.

2014
YEAR FOUNDED

The organization was founded and incorporated as a 501c3 nonprofit organization.

The first full-time attorney was hired and began accepting new clients in Houston.

2015
JFAI SERVICES LAUNCHED

2018
DEPORTATION DEFENSE EXPANSION

JFAI joined other legal services providers to implement the Deportation Defense Houston program and began representing clients in immigration detention.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, JFAI incorporated virtual consultations, ensuring continued support for clients.

2020
VIRTUAL ACCESS IMPLEMENTED

2022
STRATEGIC GROWTH & PARTNERSHIPS

JFAI expanded its reach by hiring the first full-time attorney in San Antonio.

The first annual Laughs for Legal Aid comedy show fundraiser was held in San Antonio.

JFAI implemented its Unaccompanied Children's Program. JFAI also expanded citizenship services in Harris County.

2024
PROGRAM ADDITION AND INCREASED SERVICES

2025
ORGANIZATIONAL MILESTONE

JFAI outgrew its office in San Antonio and moved into a 1,500 square foot office in the Avenida Guadalupe Association.

After 10 years of providing legal services across Texas to over 5,000 individuals, JFAI is committed to helping even more immigrant families through providing high-quality immigration legal services.

Standing with immigrants, always.

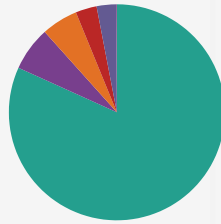


*Moments from a Decade of Action

Financial Report

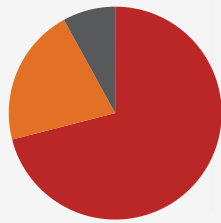
REVENUE BREAKDOWN

Foundations & Grants — **81.76%**
 Churches & Organizations — **6.60%**
 Program Service Fees — **5.45%**
 Special Events — **3.17%**
 Individuals/Corporations — **3.02%**



EXPENSES BREAKDOWN

Program Services — **71%**
 Operations — **21%**
 Fundraising — **8%**



\$1,837,247

Total Net Revenue

\$1,318,714

Total Net Expenses

Funders and Partners

Major Funders

Acacia Center for Justice
 AILA Texas/New Mexico/Oklahoma chapter
 Alice Kleberg Reynolds Foundation
 Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.
 Harris County Domestic Violence Assistance Fund
 Harris County Immigrant Legal Services Fund
 Harris County Immigration Naturalization Services Fund
 Houston Endowment, Inc.
 Lewis Family Foundation
 Methodist Healthcare Ministries
 National Immigrant Law & Justice Network
 San Antonio Area Foundation
 Texas Bar Foundation

Churches

Bering Memorial United Church of Christ
 Chapelwood United Methodist Church
 Rio Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
 St. Luke's United Methodist Church
 St. Paul's Methodist Foundation
 Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

Partners

Acacia Center for Justice
 Alamo Heights United Methodist Church

BakerRipley
 Comunitario Impacto
 Galveston-Houston Immigrant Representation Project
 Global Refugee
 Good Samaritan
 Haven for Hope
 Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative
 ImmSchools
 Kids in Need of Defense
 Lawndale Art Center
 Mija Cultura
 Project Transformation Rio Texas
 Rice University's Nocturnal and Basmati Beats
 Rabbit's Got the Gun
 St. Austin Center
 St. Luke's United Methodist Church
 St. Mary's University School of Law
 The King's Palace
 Texas Black Migrant Ecosystem
 YMCA International Services

To our clients, supporters, partners, and friends,

Justice For All Immigrants

As we mark ten years of serving immigrants in Texas, we do so with deep gratitude.

This past year unfolded during a time of profound uncertainty for immigrant communities and the organizations that support them. Because of your continued commitment, JFAI met the moment and delivered high-quality legal services with care, rigor, and integrity.

For over a decade, your generosity has made it possible for families to face complex legal systems with representation instead of isolation. Your investment in this mission has strengthened our ability to respond when stability matters most.

We are grateful for your trust and partnership. As we step into our next decade, your support ensures that this work continues with dedication, humility, and resolve.

Thank you for making this work possible.



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