



ALEXANDER
JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

IGNITING
POTENTIAL

AT EVERY STAGE OF LIFE



JOAN AND STANFORD
ALEXANDER
JFS
Houston
Light • Hope • Help

DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,

This year, our theme—*Igniting Potential*—captures both the heart of our mission and the momentum we see growing each day within our community. Every interaction we have with a client is an opportunity to spark confidence, foster resilience, and open doors to new possibilities. It is work we are proud of, and work that continues to evolve.

As we reflect on the past year, we are inspired by the countless individuals and families who have taken meaningful steps toward greater stability, well-being, and opportunity. Their journeys remind us that lasting change is rarely achieved alone. It is made possible through the partnership between those who seek support, the dedicated professionals who walk alongside them, and the community that makes this work possible.

In 2025, that evolution was fueled by the energy and vision of the next generation. Through our new Career Catalyst Program in our Career & Employment Center, young adults are not only building their own futures—they are lending their passion, networks, and determination to help others do the same. Their involvement has amplified our impact in ways we could not have imagined, strengthening connections and creating new pathways to success for those we serve.

This report tells the story of a year defined by growth, collaboration, and meaningful outcomes across our full continuum of services. Within its pages, you will meet individuals whose lives have been transformed, learn about the staff who supported them along their journeys, and see how your generosity continues to fuel lasting change throughout our community.

For one of us, this report also marks the conclusion of a term serving as Board President. It has been a privilege to witness firsthand the extraordinary dedication of our staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners. Together, we have strengthened an organization that continues to serve as a source of hope, support, and opportunity for thousands throughout our community. I encourage you to explore ways you can deepen your relationship with Alexander JFS in the coming year as we continue to build on this important work.

As you explore this report, we hope that you feel a sense of pride in what we have accomplished together and celebrate with us the many ways we are igniting potential—today and for the future.

With gratitude,



Carolyn Mintz Kaplan

CAROLYN MINTZ KAPLAN

President, Alexander JFS, 2024–2025



Carl E. Josehart

CARL E. JOSEHART

CEO, Alexander JFS

IGNITING POTENTIAL THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

Serving people of all faiths, backgrounds, and identities.

1,975
clients served

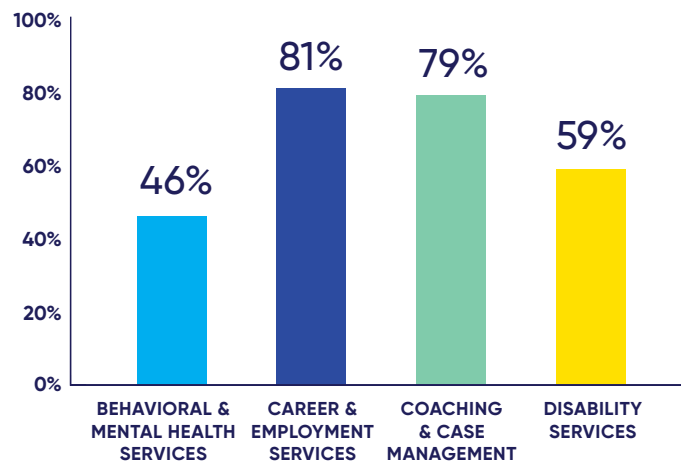
164
Greater Houston ZIP
codes served

19,145
individuals benefited
from programs

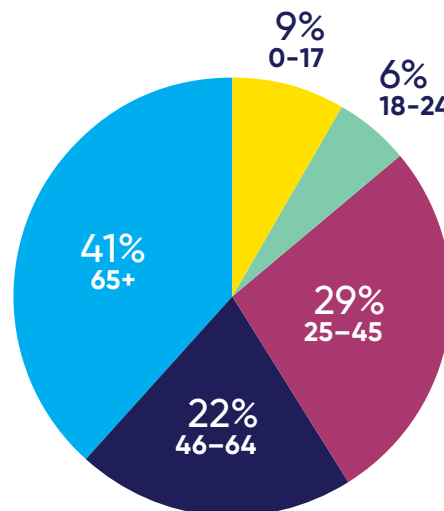
55,135
hours of direct
services provided

94%
client satisfaction
rate

PERCENT OF CLIENTS LIVING AT OR NEAR THE POVERTY LEVEL



CLIENTS SERVED BY AGE



MISSION STATEMENT



The mission of Alexander Jewish Family Service is to transform lives by empowering individuals, families, and communities – driven by compassion, leading through innovation, guided by Jewish values.

IGNITING POTENTIAL

34,489

individual services delivered
to help clients and families
strengthen mental health, achieve
stability, build independence, and
improve quality of life.

INGNITING STABILITY

Helping individuals move from crisis to stability



656

financial assistance
requests supported



493

adults and children
received mental health
counseling



283

individuals engaged with
the Career & Employment Center

IGNITING GROWTH & INDEPENDENCE

Expanding access to services that empower individuals to reach their goals and thrive



20

internships secured for Celebration Company employees



187

clients received support from Disability Case Management



\$120,000

provided in college scholarships & interest free loans

IGNITING IMPACT

Connecting and providing services throughout the community



2,500+

attendees at ReelAbilities Houston programs & events



6

satellite locations provide select services including counseling, case management, and music therapy



44

mental health trainings given at partner locations including schools, community organizations, and corporations



9,021

volunteer hours in support of JFS programs & clients

IGNITING CONNECTION

Reducing isolation through meaningful connection



592

older adult home visits



5,871

patients and families were seen by Chaplains and/or Chaplaincy Volunteers



133

support group participants



Katie Harlan, LCSW-S, RPT™, Psychotherapist

BEHAVIORAL & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: IGNITING HEALING AND GROWTH

We empower individuals to build stability, strengthen resilience, and move forward with confidence.

Adults



REACH

395
clients served

46%
live at or near the federal
poverty level

133
support group participants
(+41% over previous year)



OUTCOMES

67%
improved or stabilized
anxiety levels

67%
improved or stabilized
depression levels

66%
improved or stabilized
general well-being

THERAPY SUPPORT GROUPS IN 2025

Golden Group (Age 55+)

Mindfulness Group

Grief & Loss Support Group

Celebrating Bridges (Celebration
Company Mental Wellness)

Caregivers Support Group

Parenting the Love & Logic Way

Music Social Group (Age 4-6)

Music Social Group (Age 7-10)

Healing Bridges (Family Estrangement)



Sofia Heyl, MT-BC, NMT™, Music Therapist

Children & Teens



REACH

98

clients served

36.8%

live at or near the federal poverty level

33%

of clients are under the age of 8



OUTCOMES



Emily R. Van Laan, LCSW-S, RPT-S™
Children's Mental Health Program Lead

70%

improved or
stabilized
anxiety levels

61%

improved or
stabilized
depression levels

77%

improved or stabilized general well-being

MAJOR BMHS COUNSELING PROGRAM UNDERWRITERS 2025

H-E-B • The Samuels Family Foundation • United Way of Greater Houston • Lillian Kaiser Lewis Foundation • The Marie Fay Evnochides Fund
Endowment Funds: Houston Jewish Family Foundation: • Joan and Stanford Alexander Fund for Mental Health (HJFF) • Robert & Edith Zinn Fund for JFS Mental Health Services (HJFF)



JFS Play Institute: Igniting the Power of Play

Established in 2025, the JFS Play Institute provides Association for Play Therapy (APT) approved continuing education, clinical supervision, and specialized training to prepare professionals to deliver high-quality play therapy services.

- 9 trainings
- 76 participants since inception
- Participants joined in person and virtually from five states, extending the program's reach beyond Texas.



"Strengthening children's mental health begins with strengthening the workforce. The JFS

Play Institute is expanding opportunities to train Registered Play Therapists™ so more children and families can access affordable, developmentally appropriate care."

Ada Cheung, Ph.D., LCSW-S, RPT-S™, EMDRIA Approved Consultant™
Chief Clinical Officer

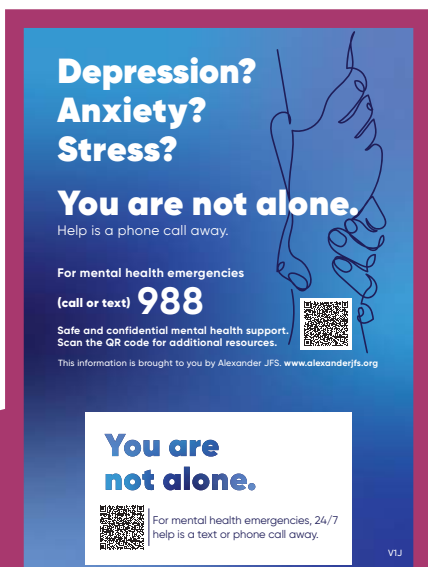
COMMUNITY INTERVENTION

Igniting Potential Beyond Our Walls

3,137

participants served

Community Intervention expands mental health awareness, education, and resources throughout Greater Houston. We help individuals, communities, and organizations build resilience, recognize mental health challenges, and seek support before a crisis occurs.



AWARENESS

660

988 cards distributed to 33 organizations

12,179

clicks on the Weekly Be Well Column in the Jewish Herald-Voice



SKILLS

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)

278

participants

16

trainings

"The Mental Health First Aid training gave me the confidence to recognize the signs that a family member needed help and the skills to support them."

MHFA Participant



PREVENTION

376

participants in Touching the Heart texting program

44

community presentations on mental health, well-being and resilience



SUPPORT

19

attendees at Bright Stars Ceremony of Light & Remembrance

18

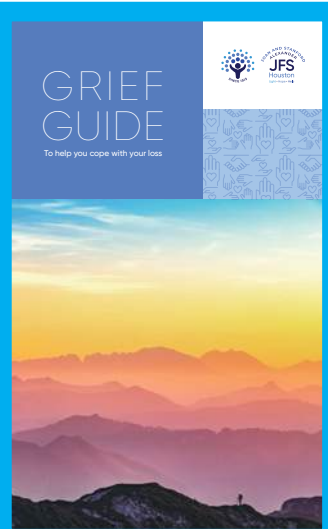
Grief Therapy Support Group sessions

550

free grief and suicide loss resources accessed through print distribution and online downloads

22

community consultations in response to crisis, suicide, and grief



MAJOR BMHS COMMUNITY INTERVENTION UNDERWRITERS 2025

Joan and Stanford Alexander • Shirley and David Toomim Family Foundation • Levit-Setzer Family Foundation • Eric M. Suhl Foundation • Poppy's Run for Life



COACHING & CASE MANAGEMENT: IGNITING STABILITY WITH GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

Through personalized support, we help individuals overcome barriers, set achievable goals, and access the resources they need to build stability, independence, and a stronger future.

- Disaster & Emergency Response
- Disability Services
- Financial Assistance
- Older Adult Services
- Student Loans & Scholarships
- Holocaust Survivor Services



REACH

1,028
clients

1,178

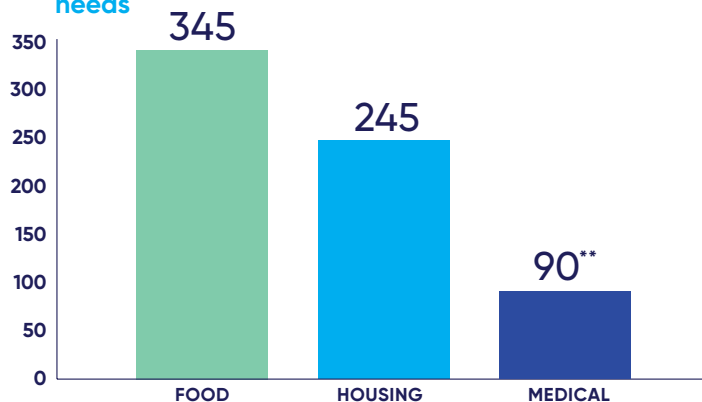
requests for financial assistance to meet basic needs including United Way 211 referrals

126

Holocaust survivors received services including medical support, in-home care, food, transportation, social connection

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE*

680 clients* received financial assistance for basic needs



* Unduplicated; many clients receive multiple services

** Does not include Claims Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany funded home care



ACCESS

79%

of clients living at/near poverty level

33%

of clients are age 75+

MAJOR COACHING & CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UNDERWRITERS 2025

Jewish Federation of Greater Houston • Martha & Donald Freedman • Jake and Nina Kamin Fund • Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany • Mireille & Harvy Katz Foundation • Mary & William J Osher Foundation • Kavod Shef • Lillie and Dan Sterling Foundation • United Way of Greater Houston • Pauline Sterne Wolff Memorial Foundation • Seed the Dream Foundation • Donna & Philip Tenenbaum • Nathan J. Klein Fund • Aileen & Mark Weycer • Kenneth Horwitz
Endowment Funds: Houston Jewish Family Foundation • Nathan J. Klein Fund • The Lloyd & Morissa Parkans Scholarship Fund (HJCF) • Promise of Hope Fund (Jewish Federation and HJCF) • Samuel W. & Goldye Marian Spain Passover Assistance Program (HJCF) • Edith and Robert Zinn Scholarships Fund



2025 Scholarship Recipients and Alexander JFS Staff Adele Croft and Carl E. Josehart

SCHOLARSHIP & INTEREST FREE LOANS



\$120,000

awarded to Jewish students to support college education.

SCHOLARSHIP & INTEREST FREE LOANS MAJOR UNDERWRITERS 2025

Lloyd & Morrisa Parkans • Aileen & Mark Weycer/
Nicole and Glenn Lowenstein •
Aileen & Mark Weycer • Edith & Robert Zinn



FINANCIAL LITERACY & COACHING

187

clients completed coaching

41

clients increased their savings



OLDER ADULT SERVICES

468

clients age 60+

592

home visits*

1,000+

personal phone calls initiated

*many clients receive multiple services and visits

JFS LIVE! 2025 PADDLES UP

Support to Maintain Coaching & Case Management Services and Trauma Informed Counseling

\$10,000+: Wendy & Andy Bernstein • Jake & Nina Kamin Foundation • Sheri, Rori & Jason Feldman •
Martha & Donald Freedman • Stacey & Louis Gomar • Elaine Helfman • Julia Jacobson • Carolyn & Jay Kaplan •
Joy & Joe Kaplan • Jean Mintz • Brittany & Ashton Mossy • Ellen & Steve Robinson • Sonnie Shepps Robinson Foundation •
Barbara Sheffield • Alana Spiwak & Sam Stolbun • Jamie & Bert Wolf • Sandi & Steven Wolf • Cyvia Wolff

OUR STORIES

IGNITING STABILITY: CASIE



When Casie, a young single mother, was referred to JFS through the United Way's Integrated Client Journey portal, she was facing an immediate housing crisis and needed assistance to keep a roof over her family's head.

Our Case Management team quickly stepped in, providing rental assistance and helping Casie stabilize her situation. Through ongoing conversations, her case manager worked with her to evaluate her monthly budget, maximize available benefits, and build a stronger financial foundation. Casie also enrolled in Alexander JFS financial education classes, where she gained practical budgeting skills and increased confidence in managing her finances.

As Casie began setting long-term goals, her case manager connected her with the Career & Employment Center's SNAP Employment & Training (SNAP E&T) Program. Through this partnership, Casie explored career opportunities and identified her goal of becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant.

She completed the financial education program, attended SNAP E&T orientation, and enrolled in classes at Houston Community College to pursue her certification.

"Taking the classes and having those conversations helped me feel more confident about my finances and my future."

CASIE

Today, Casie continues to balance the demands of parenting, work, and education while building a brighter future for herself and her daughter. Her journey reflects the power of integrated support—meeting immediate needs while creating pathways to long-term stability, self-sufficiency, and opportunity.

Note: to protect client privacy, JFS may use alternative names and photos to represent client experiences.



CAREER & EMPLOYMENT: IGNITING CAREERS. BUILDING FUTURES.

Economic stability is the foundation of long-term independence. We help individuals overcome barriers, secure meaningful employment, and maintain employment where challenges exist.

Laura Alter, CPRP, CPRW, Manager, Career & Employment Center

REACH



80% of clients have barriers that may affect job readiness including mental health, financial instability, age, and disability.

CAREER & EMPLOYMENT CLIENTS SERVED

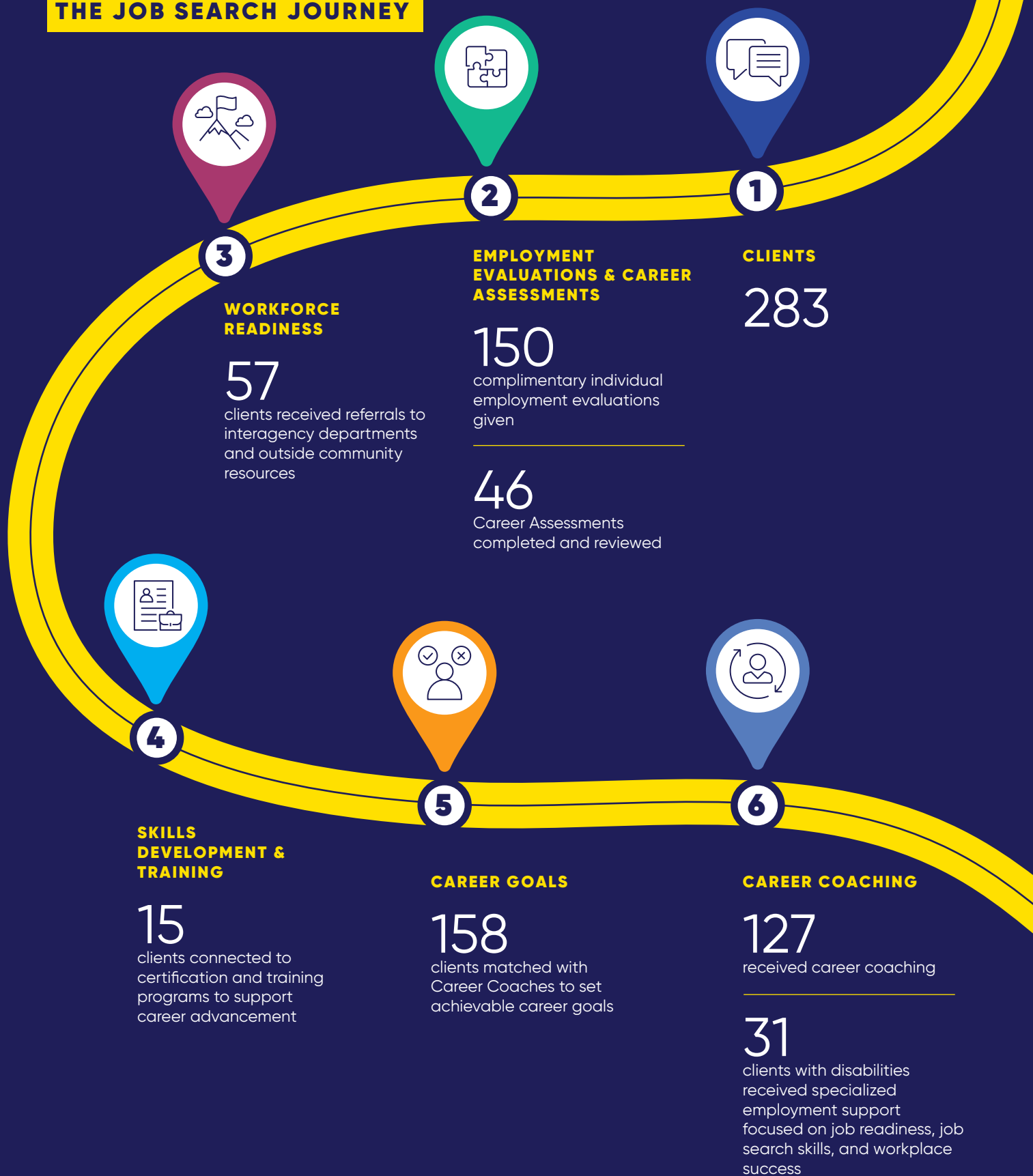
53%
new or
returning clients

47%
continuing
clients from 2024*

80%
live at or near the
federal poverty level

* U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports an average duration to complete a job search is 26 weeks and it can be longer due to location and/or industry.

THE JOB SEARCH JOURNEY



INNOVATION: NEW PROGRAMS IN 2025

CAREER CATALYST

The Career Catalyst Program helps recent college graduates and mid-career professionals build their future through workshops, personalized career coaching, and mentorship.

200+ participants attended free workshops speakers, panelists, and networking



Career Catalyst Team: Lauren Marouni, Emory Skolkin, Emily Freedman, Mandy Thibodeaux

DISABILITY INCLUSION IN EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS

315 local employers and community members participated in five presentations.

PATHWAYS TO INDEPENDENCE



Partnered with Workforce Solutions & the Department of Agriculture, Health & Human Services to help SNAP recipients secure employment and build greater self-sufficiency.

32 participants

8 secured employment

MAJOR CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT CENTER UNDERWRITERS 2025

CenterPoint Energy Foundation • Jerold B. Katz Foundation • May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust • Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies • United Way of Greater Houston **Endowment Funds:** Houston Jewish Family Foundation • David Leon Career & Employment Advancement Fund (HJFF) • David Leon Career and Employment Scholarship Fund (HJFF) • Harvey R. Houck Jr and Patricia W. Houck Foundation • Albert & Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation



7

JOB MAINTENANCE

12

received career coaching to overcome workplace challenges and maintain employment



8

EMPLOYMENT OBTAINED

42

clients secured employment and increased self-sufficiency



DISABILITIES SERVICES: IGNITING ABILITY, OPPORTUNITY, AND INDEPENDENCE

Disability Services provides long-term support to individuals with disabilities and their families to achieve greater independence. **The Joan and Stanford Alexander Celebration Company** provides training in vocational skills and meaningful employment, helping individuals with disabilities develop workplace skills, confidence, and purpose.

Adults



REACH

137

clients served

48

adults with disabilities
employed by
Celebration Company

PROGRAMS & PARTICIPANTS



Nite Owls
17



Independent Living
10
(+100% over previous year)



Social Group
29



PIT Crew:
Program Assistant in Training
9
(+120% over previous year)



Celebrating Transitions
9



Celebrating Health & Fitness
34



CELEBRATION COMPANY OUTCOMES

42%

of CC employees
have internships

88%

of CC caregivers indicated
loved one maintained or
gained new life skills

100%

of caregivers would
recommend CC to a family
or friend

SPOTLIGHT

Professional Internships: Igniting Lifelong Potential

20 Celebration Company employees participated in internships with local employers, gaining valuable real-world work experience and professional skills.



MAJOR DISABILITY SERVICES PROGRAM UNDERWRITERS 2025

Jennifer Falik Memorial Fund for Celebration Company Scholarships • Ellen & Steve Robinson • United Way of Greater Houston • Harvey R. Houck Jr and Patricia W. Houck Foundation • Houston Jewish Community Foundation • Judy & Marc Herzstein. Brooke Feather, Bari & David Fishel • Martha & Donald Freedman • Jake and Nina Kamin Foundation • Eric & Isabelle Mayer • Lynne Lipsitz and The Melvin A. Lipsitz Family Foundation • Sandra & Myron Friedman **Endowment Funds:** Joan and Stanford Alexander For the Good of Life Fund to Ensure the Future of Celebration Company (HJFF) • Toomim and Robinson Families Fund for Celebration Company (HJFF) • Leon Family Fund for the Good of Life Fund (HJFF)

IGNITING INDEPENDENCE: DISABILITY CASE MANAGEMENT

Individuals with disabilities remain one of the most underserved populations, often facing significant barriers to housing, transportation, employment, health care, and public benefits. Through Disability Case Management, we help individuals and their families navigate these challenges while building the skills, confidence, and resources needed to achieve greater independence.

Using a client-centered approach, Disability Case Manager Irene Guerrero empowers individuals to advocate for themselves, build independence, and achieve their goals.

DISABILITY CASE MANAGEMENT PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

- Social Security Disability (SSI/SSDI) preparation, application, and appeals support
- Medicaid and SNAP enrollment assistance
- Housing and transportation resource navigation
- Transition planning for young adults
- Life skills and independence coaching



"Many of our clients face barriers that can feel overwhelming. While progress may take months or even years, every step toward greater independence, confidence, and self-advocacy is a meaningful success."

Irene Guerrero
Disability Case Manager

187

Clients Served by
Disability Case Management



FROM TRAINING TO EMPLOYMENT: RACHEL

Rachel Rich's story demonstrates the power of Alexander JFS's integrated approach to supporting individuals with disabilities.

Rachel spent approximately 18 months participating in PIT Crew (Program Assistant in Training), a vocational training program within Disability Services that helps adults with disabilities develop workplace skills and professional habits.

As Rachel's skills progressed, Disability Services partnered with the Career & Employment Center to support her transition into the workforce. Together, the two programs provided a seamless pathway from skills development to job placement.

Rachel's hard work paid off when she secured a position at **Panera Bread**, achieving a significant milestone on her path toward greater independence. Her success demonstrates how collaboration across Alexander JFS programs helps individuals move beyond barriers, reach their goals, and realize their full potential.

ALEXANDER INSTITUTE FOR INCLUSION: IGNITING A MORE INCLUSIVE FUTURE

Building a more inclusive community by changing perceptions, inspiring action, and empowering individuals with disabilities to reach their full potential.

REELABILITIES EVENTS & ATTENDEES



ReelArt Opening | 290



ReelWorkplace | 110



ReelArt For All & ReelCommunity | 351



ReelPeople | 187



ReelFilm Screenings | 574



ReelEducation | 650+

ReelMusic
305



SPOTLIGHT

Disability Inclusion Guide



500+

copies
distributed
at events
throughout
the year and
available free
online.

REFRAMING DISABILITY REELABILITIES HOUSTON FILM AND ARTS FESTIVAL

February 2–23, 2025

Our annual film and arts festival brings together individuals with and without disabilities to celebrate diverse stories, challenge stereotypes, and foster meaningful dialogue about inclusion and accessibility.

2,500+
attendees

24
events throughout Houston

35
collaborating partners
supported and/or hosted
ReelAbilities events

ALEXANDER INSTITUTE FOR INCLUSION MAJOR REELABILITIES SPONSORS 2025

Joan & Stanford Alexander • Bank of Texas • Comfort Systems USA • Paul Grossbard/MGA • Houston Arts Alliance • HEB • Ivanhoe Foundation • Isabelle & Eric Mayer • Novum Energy • PAGE • Riverbend Energy Group • Sysco Corporation • Texas Council on Developmental Disabilities • TIRR Memorial Hermann

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Hope Lipnic, MA, LPC, CHTP and Rabbi Barry Cohen, Alexander JFS Chaplains.

CHAPLAINCY: IGNITING HOPE AND CONNECTION

The Velva G. & H. Fred Levine Jewish Chaplaincy Program provides spiritual comfort and guidance, hospital visits, and community resources.



REACH

5,871
patients &
families served



1,700

Shabbat Boxes Delivered

The Velva G. & H. Fred Levine Shabbat Box Program mobilizes volunteers to decorate, fill, and deliver Shabbat boxes that bring comfort and connection to patients each week



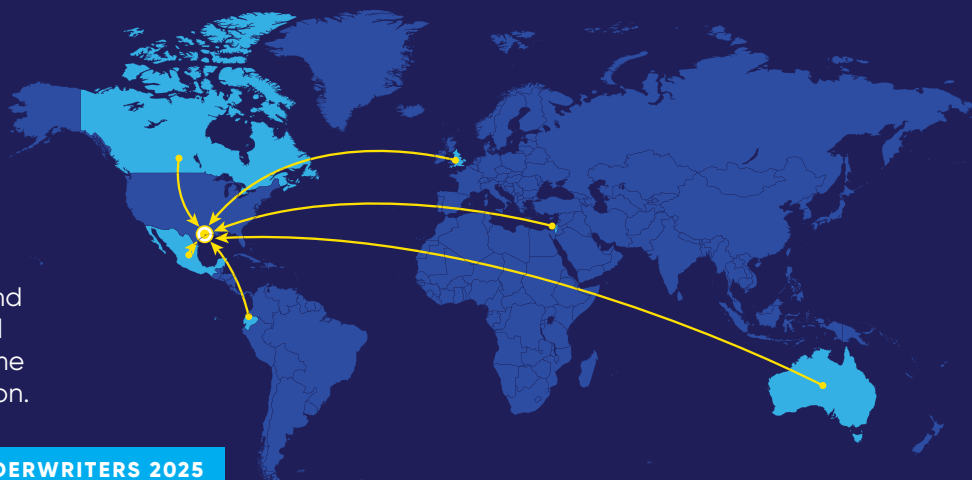
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hospitals served in the Texas Medical Center, Greater Houston, and Sugar Land

SPOTLIGHT

Serving Patients from Around the Globe

In partnership with the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, we help Jewish patients and families from around the globe feel connected, supported, and at home while receiving treatment in Houston.



CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM MAJOR UNDERWRITERS 2025

The Velva G. and H. Fred Levine Jewish Chaplaincy Program Endowment Fund (HJFF) • The Velva G. and H. Fred Levine Shabbat Box Endowment Fund (HJFF) • Dolores Wilkenfeld Chaplaincy Fund and The Velva G. and H. Fred Levine Jewish Chaplaincy Fund (HJCF) • The Maurice Amado Foundation

JEWISH VALUES: IGNITING COMPASSION AND COMMUNITY

Jewish values guide everything we do, transforming compassion into action through service, support, and care for individuals and families at every stage of life.



Cantor Vadim Tunitsky, Music & Spirit Program Director

PASSOVER ASSISTANCE



323

households were provided with grocery gift cards to ensure traditional Passover foods could be purchased

COUNT ME IN



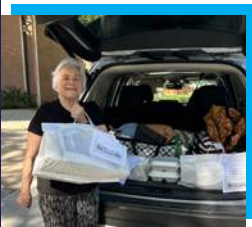
352

gift cards provided to families to purchase gifts; 75 Senior Bags and 60 Family Gift Bags delivered for Chanukah celebrations

KOSHER MEAL DELIVERY

100

isolated older adults received fresh kosher meals for Rosh Hashana and Passover



Barbara Kalmans delivers kosher meals to older adults for Passover

MUSIC & SPIRIT PROGRAM

423

seniors living in assisted living communities participated in Jewish cultural, spiritual, and holiday programming

80

concerts

60

Shabbat programs



OPEN HEARTS OPEN DOORS MAJOR PROGRAM UNDERWRITERS 2025

Sasha & Kevin Alexander

COUNT ME IN MAJOR PROGRAM UNDERWRITERS 2025

Ellen & Steve Robinson

MUSIC AND SPIRIT MAJOR PROGRAM UNDERWRITERS 2025

Norelle & Brian Becker • Ira B. and Myra Brown Fund • Kaki & Larry Buck • David DeVido • Rowena Young & Myron Steves, Jr. • Alana Spiwak & Sam Stolbun • Stan Shniderson



Woodside Energy Volunteers and Alexander JFS Staff,
Rebecca Jones, Jessica Bursten, Emily R. Van Laan, Melanie Goldberg

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEERS: IGNITING POSSIBILITY TOGETHER

Volunteers provide hands-on support and professional expertise to expand our reach and deepen our impact.



OUTCOMES

427
volunteers

9,021
hours of services

Combined value of

\$303,015*

*Value calculated using the Independent Sector's estimated hourly value of volunteer service in Texas (\$33.59/hour).

MAJOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM UNDERWRITERS 2025

Gretchen Gemeinhardt & Becky Proler



"Alexander JFS helped shape who I am, and volunteering here

has given me the chance to give back while preparing for my future in mental health counseling."

Michal Illouz, Volunteer



JFS LIVE!

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

November 11, 2025

More than 1,100 supporters of Alexander JFS gathered for this annual event to raise the unrestricted funds needed to support the core services that transform the lives of thousands of people in Houston each year. We thank the extraordinary leaders that made the evening successful.



Rosalyn & Barry Margolis
and Leslie & Russ Robinson
HONORARY CO-CHAIRS



Gary & Sunni Markowitz, **EVENT CO-CHAIRS**
Carolyn Mintz Kaplan, **BOARD PRESIDENT**
Vicki & Andy Bursten, **EVENT CO-CHAIRS**



Sandi Helfman Wolf, **PADDLES UP CHAIR**
Marcy Margolis, **JOAN CHESSED AWARD**
Phil Cohen, **FINANCE CHAIR**



Julie Gilbert and Fredda Friedlander
AUCTION CO-CHAIRS

YOUNG ADULT AFTER PARTY CHAIRS

ANDREW BURNETT
& ADRIAN HEID

SAMANTHA
& ZACHARY GAITZ

ANDI & BRETT
RIESENFELD

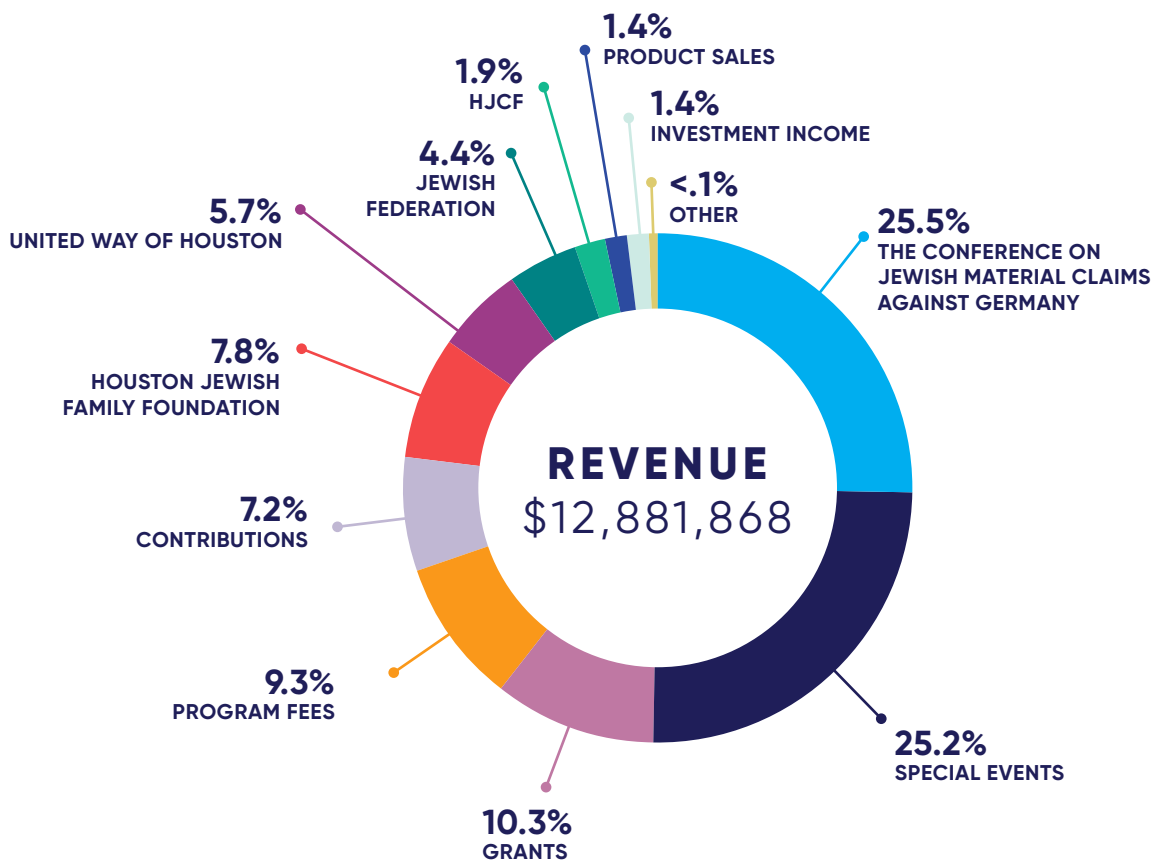
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IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF HOLLY HARWOOD SKOLKIN



2025 FINANCIAL RESULTS

JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2025

Fiscal Year 2025 | Unaudited



THE CONFERENCE ON JEWISH MATERIAL CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY	\$3,279,659	JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER HOUSTON	
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$3,247,739	Financial Aid	\$306,688
GRANTS	\$1,326,142	Annual Allocation	\$190,000
PROGRAM FEES	\$1,200,976	Case Management	\$50,000
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$929,645	Disaster Assistance	\$15,000
HOUSTON JEWISH FAMILY FOUNDATION	\$1,003,102	HOUSTON JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	\$244,424
UNITED WAY	\$740,000	PRODUCT SALES	\$181,285
		INVESTMENT INCOME	\$163,327
		OTHER	\$3,882

THROUGHOUT 2025, ALEXANDER JFS HELD EVENTS TO CELEBRATE OUR CLIENTS, DONORS, AND VOLUNTEERS.



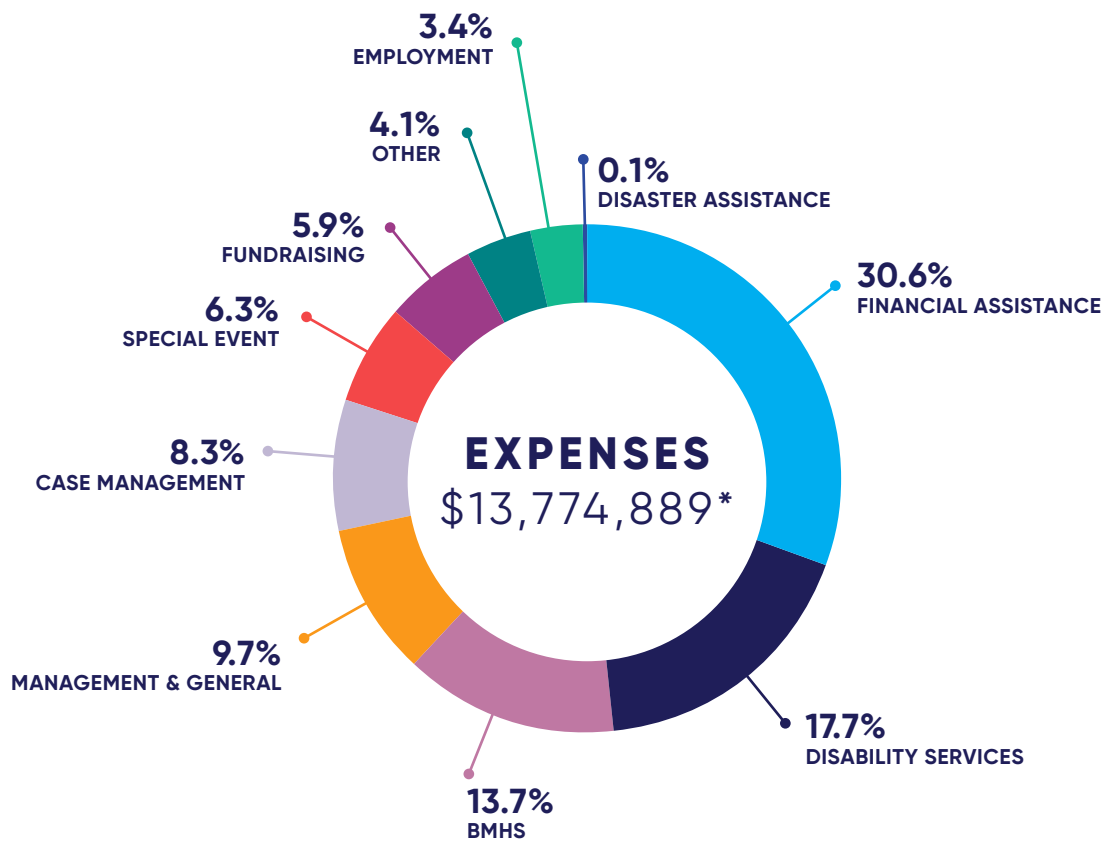
Annual Meeting
2025 Alexander JFS Executive Committee
Dee Dee Dochen and Lainie Gordon



High Impact Dinner
Courtney Cohen Garson, Carolyn Mintz
Kaplan, Carol Goldberg



Joe & Joy Kaplan and Vikki & Rich Evans



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	\$4,220,619	FUNDRAISING	\$819,059
DISABILITY SERVICES	\$2,432,682	OTHER	\$571,521
BMHS	\$1,885,830	EMPLOYMENT	\$464,887
MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	\$1,341,958	DISASTER ASSISTANCE	\$14,503
CASE MANAGEMENT	\$1,149,671	MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENTS	\$0
SPECIAL EVENT	\$874,160		

*The difference between revenue and expenses was budgeted to be covered by \$1,170,000 in prior year fund balances and multi-year grant commitments.



Legacy Reception
Lauren Seigel Foster,
Jacob & Barbara Leon



Galina Yoffe, Barry & Carol
Goodfriend, Boris Yoffe, Linda Lesser



Celebration Company "Sweet 16"
Ashley Katz, Sandi Helfman Wolf,
Jackelyn Katz



Gabrielle Howard and Halley Turner

PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

We continue to invest in advanced certifications and specialized training for our staff to ensure we can effectively address the evolving needs of our clients. In 2025, staff members earned and maintained specialized credentials, including:



Anna Ashburn

Perinatal Mental Health Certification (PMH-C),
Adult Mental Health First Aid
National Instructor



Justin Cannon

Emerging Leader Institute,
a partnership between
Centerpoint Energy and
United Way



Rafia Mian

Licensed Clinical Social
Worker (LCSW)



Raymond Saucillo

Licensed Clinical Social
Worker (LCSW)



**Mandy Thibodeaux,
MBA, CEMP**

AARP Senior Planet "Train the
Trainer" Program for Older
Adults Technology Services



Judy Young

Eye Movement
Desensitization and
Reprocessing Certification
(EMDR)

A BRIEF LOOK AHEAD

As I begin my term as 2026 Board President, I am grateful to Carolyn for her extraordinary leadership and for helping build a strong foundation for the future of Alexander JFS. Building on that foundation, and with an eye toward the evolving needs of our community, I have chosen *Strengthening Our Roots, Growing Our Reach* as the theme of my presidency—reflecting a commitment to deepening our impact while expanding access to those who can benefit from our services.

Our continued success depends on strengthening the roots that sustain our work: delivering measurable outcomes, evaluating our impact, and deepening the partnerships that make our mission possible. With those roots firmly in place, we can expand our reach and serve more individuals and families across our community.

By building strategic partnerships with organizations already embedded in underserved communities, we can bring services closer to those who face barriers to access. Together, we are building a future where more people can move from crisis to stability—and from stability to independence.



A stylized yellow signature of Phil Cohen.

PHIL COHEN

President, Alexander JFS,
2026–2027

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