Celebrating 20 Years

* ENDING POWER-BASED VIOLENCE *
* EMPOWERING SURVIVORS *
* ENSURING SAFE COMMUNITIES *

ANNUAL REPORT 2021
A LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

“Without JCADA, I would not have reclaimed my life so quickly. What’s more, I would not have had the wherewithal to build the beautiful, joyful, healthy, and peaceful life I am creating that already is beyond my wildest dreams. Thank you for helping me break the cycle of abuse for me and my children.”
— Anonymous 2021 JCADA Client

These words from a client stand out as we transition through this, our twenty-first year of service to the Greater Washington community. Simultaneously, we are emerging from a pandemic leading to unprecedented stressful times, the effects of which we will not know fully for years. However, we do know that calls to our Help Line increased 90% and JCADA rose to meet victims pleading for help with domestic violence, stalking elder abuse, sexual assault, and workplace harassment.

As we reach our 20th Anniversary milestone, we invite you to remember with us how we started with one part-time counselor addressing domestic and dating abuse in the Jewish community. Fast forward to the year 2009 when we launched our AWARE ® dating abuse prevention initiative, teaching teens and young adults about healthy relationships. In 2015, we launched our Legal Program, and in 2018, we began providing victim advocacy services. Today, there are twenty-five JCADA staff members.

Working with JCADA’s Board of Directors, our dedicated team helps clients, educates the community, and provides high-quality, trauma-informed direct services.
The headlines and numerous articles about the issue show us that society is finally paying attention to the nightmare of the abuse and violence our clients suffer from daily. And we know that JCADA is ready to continue to fulfill our commitment to end power-based violence, empower survivors and ensure safe communities.

As you will see in the following report, community members, organizations and donors have stepped up to help keep our services free for those who are in need.

We are honored by your commitment to our work and partnership in bringing JCADA into the next 20 years! Our heartfelt thanks to the staff who have embraced the challenges the pandemic presented and continue to serve our clients and the community with commitment and zeal.

With Gratitude,

Amanda Katz
Executive Director

Selma Kunitz
Board President

1,335 CLIENTS IN 2021

70% FROM 2020

240% FROM 2020
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Revenue
$2 Million

Expenses
$2.1 Million

Donations 30%
Grants 70%

PET 14%
Services 67%
Admin 19%
(Prevention Education & Training)

Thank you to the following foundations and granting agencies for your support!

Anonymous (3)
The Aviv Foundation
Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Social Services
DC Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants
Fairfax County, Virginia
The Greater Washington Community Foundation
Healthcare Initiative Foundation
The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington
Maryland Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention
The Mayberg Foundation
The Morningstar Foundation
Montgomery County, Maryland
Montgomery County, Maryland, Office of the Sheriff
US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women
WHAT WE DO

WHO WE SERVE
DIRECT SERVICES

JCADA's licensed clinicians have expertise in trauma and the complexities of power-based violence. Services include safety planning, individual counseling, and support groups. JCADA legal services fall into two categories: direct representation and legal access. Through our victim advocacy program, JCADA can assist clients with many other needs that fall outside of traditional legal or clinical support. This includes financial planning, assistance with basic needs, and access to public benefits. JCADA operates a free and confidential helpline to provide information, support, and safety planning.

131 Client Groups & Workshops

JCADA held emotional support groups in Spanish and English, resilience-building groups such as art therapy and yoga, legal seminars, and workshops on a variety of topics including family law, crime victims' rights, and protective orders. Many of our clients attended multiple workshops repeatedly.
FY2021 INCREASES OVER FY2020

- 83% INCREASE helpline calls
- 68% INCREASE legal services
- 63% INCREASE clinical services
- 53% INCREASE advocacy efforts

MORE FY2021 FAST FACTS

- 5,000 HOURS of counseling
- 209 PROTECTIVE orders served
- 1,843 HOURS* in direct client services provided by JCADA interns
- *Jan-Jun
- $45,612 TO CLIENTS for food, housing, moving, medical, and more
"Despite the heavy nature of our work, it is deeply life-giving to serve these resilient survivors every day. They are more than their abuse, and we are privileged to share in both the difficult and the joyous and sometimes, even laughter!"

- Julia, JCADA Clinician

92% of clients identify as female

10% of clients identify as homeless/at imminent risk of homelessness

18% of clients identify as immigrants

BY RACE

BY LOCATION

BY AGE
By quickly and creatively moving all of our work online, and through outreach events, AWARE, Friends of JCADA, Building Better Allies, and our education team, we reached 5,600 members of our community through online workshops and events.

To reach teens in different spaces, JCADA launched the AWARE® social media campaign, adapting content from AWARE’s It’s Not Love® curriculum for Instagram, Twitter and Tiktok.

**ADVOCACY & LEGISLATION**

JCADA’s staff, board and supporters advocate for legislation that will improve the lives of our clients in the three jurisdictions we serve. We provided written testimony for laws being considered in MD, VA, and DC. Here are a few bills JCADA helped pass in 2021.

**PREVENTION EDUCATION & TRAINING (P.E.T.)**

- **Preserve Telehealth:** Requires certain services be provided through telehealth
- **Counsel Appearance:** Prohibits fees for docketing the appearance of counsel in DV protective order case;
- **Name Changes:** Protects the privacy of survivors by eliminating the requirement of a name change to be published and public.

**VIRGINIA**

- **Victims of Crime, Compensation and Reporting Requirement Prevention Funding:** Exempts claims of sexual abuse from the requirement of reporting within 20 hours.
- **Firearms:** Prohibits a person convicted of assault and battery of a family or household member from purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm for three years.
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SUPPORTING
victims of power-based violence to become empowered and live safely.

EDUCATING
the community about power-based violence and appropriate responses.

PREVENTING
the suffering caused by power-based violence for future generations.

Thank You!

for your support of JCADA and for being a part of the movement to end power-based violence.

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