



**Jane's Due Process
2012 Impact Report**

“My mom’s boyfriend choked me, punched me in the face and chipped my tooth when I got between him and my mom during a fight. My mom is totally controlled by him and she will not be able to handle more stress.”

17 year old minor from Dallas/Ft. Worth area

ABOUT JANE'S DUE PROCESS



As Jane's Due Process enters its thirteenth year serving minors across the state, we continue to be the only organization ensuring legal representation for pregnant minors in Texas. Our goal is for every pregnant teen to know that she has the right to seek legal representation, be treated with respect and sensitivity by those who work in the legal system, and participate in legal proceedings where everyone is interested in following the law.

Over the years we have helped thousands of girls make safe and informed choices about how and when to become a parent, guiding them through the obstacle course of the "judicial bypass" process. Texas is a safer place for pregnant teenagers because Jane's Due Process exists.

The core of Jane's Due Process is our toll-free legal hotline and network attorney program. Although most clients call us for help with a judicial bypass, we also provide legal information, representation, and referrals for teens who wish to carry their pregnancy to term and for any other related legal issues, such as emancipation, protective orders, and violations of the Title IX right to an equal education.

When pregnant minors call our hotline, they go through a short screening process and are then referred to a clinic for a sonogram and pregnancy options counseling. Jane's Due Process requires all clients to meet with a counselor to discuss their situation and explore all of their pregnancy options. Often, there is no other adult with whom our clients can have this important conversation. If clients still want a judicial bypass, they call back to the hotline and are put in touch with one of our network attorneys. The training and resources we provide to our network attorneys result in a 98-99% success rate in judicial bypass cases.

"My dad said he would beat the baby out of me if I ever got pregnant. I am so scared if he finds out I am pregnant."

Minor from the Houston Area

COALITION EFFORTS

Jane's Due Process would not reach nearly as many girls without our relationships with Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice Texas, National Organization for Women-Texas, Texas Equal Access Fund, and Lilith Fund. We regularly receive calls for assistance from Child Protective Services, school personnel, domestic violence shelters and refugee services.

OUTREACH

As in previous years, Jane's Due Process sent representatives in 2012 to several organizations that serve pregnant and sexually active teens. Our outreach included presentations to groups of school counselors, domestic violence shelter workers, law students and teens themselves.

This year, we, along with the Texas Advocacy Project, hosted a workshop at the Texas Council for Domestic Violence 2012 Statewide Conference. The presentation reported on the rights of teens and how programs and the community can safely and effectively serve them. We also held a workshop at the School Counselor Conference on the legal rights of pregnant teens, particularly issues covering confidentiality, emancipation and judicial bypass.

Jane's Due Process regularly reaches out to courthouse workers because they are often the first point of contact with the judicial system for teens seeking help and also because of the high rate of turnover among workers in court clerks' offices.

FOUNDATION SUPPORT

Individual contributions and support from the following foundations allowed us to continue our hotline and other essential services:

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Women's Fund of Central Texas.

JANE DOE: REASONS SHE CAN'T INVOLVE A PARENT

OF THE CALLERS TO THE HOTLINE IN 2012

- 12%** reported having experienced physical or emotional abuse from a parent
- 35%** feared being kicked out of the home or disowned for being pregnant.
- 12%** were orphans, had parents outside the country, or were unable to contact either parent.

PREVIOUS PREGNANCIES

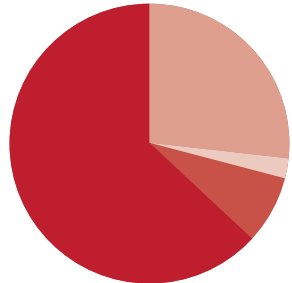
- 19%** had been pregnant before.
- 14%** were already mothers supporting at least one child.

The majority of teen mothers said that their Medicaid coverage ran out three months following the birth of their children, and that they did not have money for birth control.

Among callers who were not on birth control, the top three reasons were that they believed that they needed parental consent, that they could not afford it, and that they believed a condom alone was sufficient.

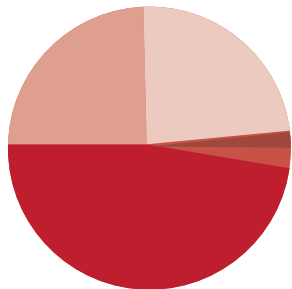
AGE OF JANE

- 64%** were 17 years old
- 25%** were 16 years old
- 9%** were 15 years old
- 2%** were younger than 15



RACE OR ETHNICITY OF JANE

- 39%** were Latina
- 26%** were Anglo
- 26%** were of African American
- 7%** were of Mixed, Other, or Unknown descent
- 2%** were of Asian or Middle Eastern descent



JDP PROGRAM OUTCOMES

2011

2012

Minor referred to JDP network attorney program	192	193
Minor referred to a clinic-recruited or court appointed attorney	47	44
Minor referred to explore pregnancy options – outcome unknown	128	107
Minor indicated intent to seek consent from parent	14	11
Minor indicated intent to seek consent outside of state	4	0
Minor indicated intent to seek abortion after 18th birthday	2	3
Minor indicated intent to continue pregnancy after discussing abortion option through hotline screening	3	9
Minor was emancipated and could seek services without a parent or legal guardian being notified	1	0
Minor had miscarriage before participating in judicial bypass process	0	2
TOTAL MINORS SCREENED FOR SERVICES	391	376

“My father has beaten me. He put me in a convent for 6 months for smoking. My cousin was sent away from her family when she got pregnant because she wasn’t married. Can you imagine what my father would do to me for this? He’s also threatened to hurt my boyfriend.”

17 year old Vietnamese girlfriend of Chinese teen

SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH TO TEENS



NEW WEBSITE

We have rolled out a new website as of 2013. The new site will allow us to continue to provide our clients with all the necessary information they need through a web design that supports the site and information in a more user-friendly manner.

FACEBOOK



We continue to use this social media outlet as a way to connect all those dedicated to assisting pregnant minors. We use Facebook as a way to unite our volunteers, share links and videos of women's rights and health news and spread the word about our organization, upcoming events, meetings and fundraisers.

TWITTER



We have started using this social media platform for its potential to build connections and maintain a place to exchange information with other women's rights non-profit organizations.

MOBILE SITES

The mobile version of our new site was specifically designed to provide teens who access the internet with their smartphones with easier access to the information on our site.

“My baby passed away last June. I can't go through another pregnancy right now--emotionally or financially.”

17 year old minor

COURTS DENY ACCESS, RELUCTANT TO ASSIST MINORS



We recently conducted a telephone survey of 40 counties across the state of Texas. Our goal was to check on whether or not teens were receiving accurate information about the judicial bypass process from district clerks' offices. While some counties provided accurate information about the judicial bypass process, many counties did not. In several instances, district clerk employees were reluctant to provide answers to questions, had never heard of a judicial bypass, did not understand the

purpose of the procedure, or incorrectly stated there would be additional fees. One clerk said, "As far as we are concerned, Chapter 33 (judicial bypass) does not exist in our county."

We sent a letter to the district and county clerks encouraging them to learn more about Jane's Due Process and to use us as a resource, particularly if their staff is unsure about the bypass process or unwilling to provide necessary information to minors.

CONFIDENTIAL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES FOR TEENS

We did a second telephone survey – this time of the Title X family planning grant recipients. With family planning clinics closing throughout Texas because of the legislature's actions, we wanted to make sure the clinics that remained followed the federal requirements for serving minors. Clinics receiving federal Title X funds must provide confidential family planning services and counseling to minors. We found that there were ongoing violations of Title X, particularly regarding some statements to teens that parental consent was required to receive birth control services.

Our initial survey prompted the Texas Department of State Health Services to begin a separate investigation of Title X violations. We will continue to be vigilant that Texas family planning providers live up to their obligation to provide services to teens.

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