



# JANE'S DUE PROCESS

Ensuring legal representation for pregnant minors in Texas

2017 IMPACT REPORT

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# ABOUT JDP

Jane's Due Process is proud to support the reproductive rights of minors in Texas. We are one of the few organizations in the country dedicated to pregnant teens and are considered a pioneer in delivering legal services to this population.

## HOW DOES JANE'S DUE PROCESS WORK WITH MINORS IN TEXAS?



JANE CALLS OR TEXTS OUR 24/7 LEGAL HOTLINE & DOES AN INTAKE FORM WITH A VOLUNTEER.



JANE'S CASE MANAGER EXPLAINS THAT WE HELP PAY FOR THE SONOGRAM & PREGNANCY OPTIONS COUNSELING AND HELPS JANE FIND AN ABORTION CLINIC.

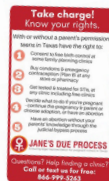
WE MATCH JANE WITH ONE OF OUR HUNDREDS OF TRAINED FREE ATTORNEYS.



JANE MEETS HER ATTORNEY, FILES HER PAPERWORK, AND HAS A PRIVATE HEARING WITH THE JUDGE WITHIN 5 BUSINESS DAYS.



THROUGH FOLLOW UP WITH JANES, OUTREACH, TABLING, AND SOCIAL MEDIA, WE MAKE SURE TEENS KNOW ABOUT THEIR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS & HOW TO ACCESS BIRTH CONTROL.



OUR CASE MANAGER HELPS JANE WITH TRANSPORTATION, FUNDING AND CHECKS IN WITH HER BEFORE & AFTER HER CLINIC APPOINTMENT.

*"My attorney was very helpful and supportive and made sure I understood all there was to the process. She also made sure that I felt comfortable, and that I was informed about the process." - Age 16*

## #justiceforjane

In the fall of 2017, a pregnant 17-year-old was held by the federal government at a Brownsville detention center for teens who cross our border alone and without documentation. This young woman—Jane Doe—was one of our clients.

Having escaped an abusive household in a Central American country, Jane Doe made a treacherous journey to Texas. But instead of being reunited with family members, she was detained. When she discovered she was pregnant, she asked for medical attention to terminate her pregnancy. We helped Jane get a judge's permission to bypass the state's requirement for parental consent. However, the federal government ignored the state judge's order and refused to allow Jane to go to her abortion appointment, ultimately delaying her care for **more than a month**.

With the help of the national ACLU, Jane's case went all the way to the DC Court of Appeals which ruled that the government agency, Office of Refugee Resettlement and its director, Scott Lloyd, could not **hold her hostage**.

Since then, more immigrant Janes have sought legal relief in courts across the country.

In Texas, many young women face the same plight—their right to make their own choice is threatened and often denied. Jane's Due Process is here to help, to advocate, to educate, and to support. Just like we fight for all "Janes," we kept fighting for Jane Doe, and she finally received the abortion care she needed.

*"She needed to go to court to get a judge's permission, which she did with help from Jane's Due Process..."*

**The New York Times**  
by Michelle Goldberg

*"The federal government's relentless effort to prevent an unaccompanied minor from getting an abortion, even after a Texas state district judge has waived her need for a guardian's consent, is shameful."*

**Austin American-Statesman**  
by Tom Ausley OpEd

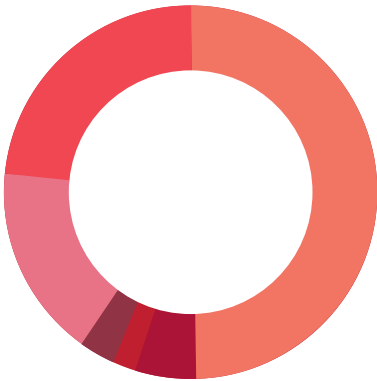
*"J.D., with the help of a group called Jane's Due Process, has already convinced a Texas judge — Texas! — that she is mature enough to make the choice herself."*

**The Washington Post**  
by Ruth Marcus

*"With the help of Jane's Due Process, I went before a judge and was given permission to end my pregnancy without my parents' consent," Jane Doe said...*

**Slate** by Mark Joseph Stern

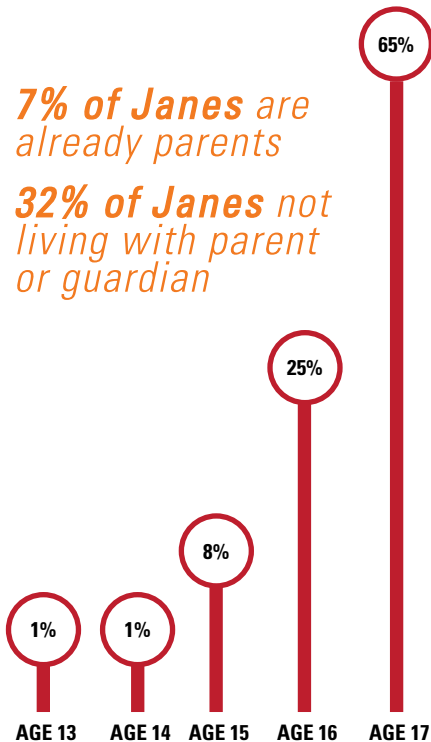
# WHO IS JANE?



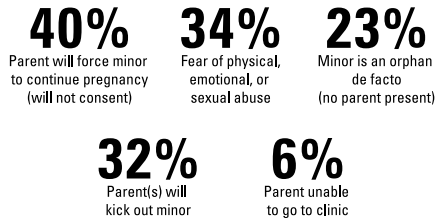
- HISPANIC / LATINA** (48%)
- AFRICAN AMERICAN / BLACK** (23%)
- CAUCASIAN / WHITE** (18%)
- MIXED RACE** (5%)
- UNKNOWN** (4%)
- ASIAN** (3%)

*7% of Janes are already parents*

*32% of Janes not living with parent or guardian*



## WHY DOES JANE NEED A JUDICIAL BYPASS?



**“SPEAKING WITH THE JUDGE WAS SO HARD. IT’S SCARY, YOU FEEL VULNERABLE & EXPOSED.”**

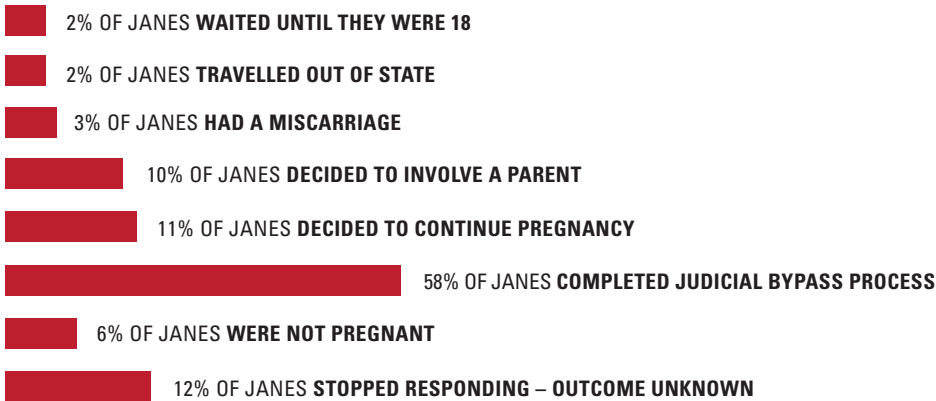
57% OF JANES AGREE THAT THIS WAS THE MOST DIFFICULT PART OF THE JUDICIAL BYPASS PROCESS.

27% OF JANES USED BIRTH CONTROL

## TOP REASONS FOR NOT USING BIRTH CONTROL

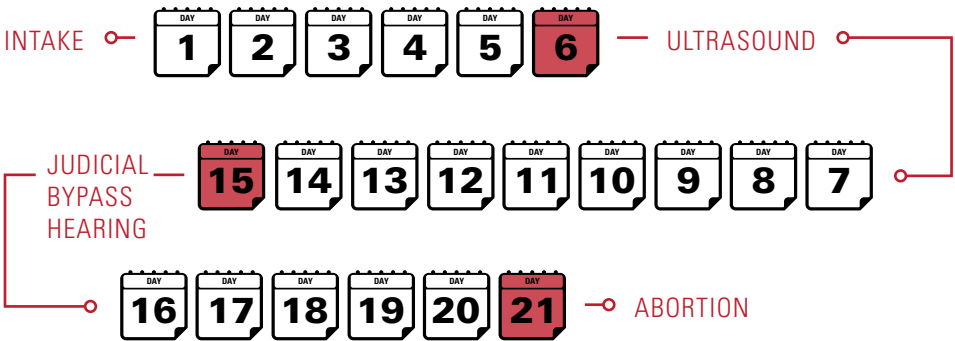
- COULD NOT AFFORD IT (6%)
- MISSED APPOINTMENT OR INCORRECT USE (8%)
- DID NOT THINK IT WAS NECESSARY (13%)
- UNABLE TO OBTAIN PARENTAL CONSENT (27%)

# WHAT HAPPENED WITH JANE'S CASE?



## HOW LONG DOES A JUDICIAL BYPASS TAKE?

*\*average length of time*



## 100% OF JANE'S AGREED WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS \*

- FELT VERY SUPPORTED BY JANE'S DUE PROCESS THROUGHOUT THE JUDICIAL BYPASS PROCESS.
- FELT COMFORTABLE SPEAKING HONESTLY & OPENLY WITH THEIR ATTORNEY.
- JDP HOTLINE VOLUNTEER TREATED THEM WITH DIGNITY & RESPECT.

\*Data from Janes who responded to the post-bypass survey.

*"At first I was going to do the abortion but I decided not to but I felt completely unjudged by my decision and I was offered help and resources. Talking to my case manager, our communications were really filled with love and super easy to understand each other." - Age 17*



# SOCIAL MEDIA & OUTREACH

Responding to feedback from teens, we launched a confidential text hotline in 2017. Our hotline has gotten 242 texts with questions about pregnancy and birth control, judicial bypass, and abortion.

In our interactions with teens seeking judicial bypass, we realized that most young people in Texas aren't aware of their reproductive rights. In 2017, we doubled down on public education, using paid advertising on social media platforms and outreach at events and conferences.

## TEXT HOTLINE STATS

Text hotline went live on May 21, 2017

Total unique texts: 242

Total texts: 1421

Average texts/unique user: 6



On Instagram, we reached over 150,000 young women between the ages of 14 and 17, sharing information about access to free, confidential birth control at Title X clinics and the right to judicial bypass.

In one December day on Snapchat, over 1,000 people at malls across the state saw our sponsored geofilters which told them how far away they were from their nearest Title X clinics. These clinics offer free birth control to minors without parental consent, and also provide pregnancy options counseling and STI testing and treatment.

Thanks to our talented volunteers, we were able to produce two videos in 2017 that brought alive the stories of two Jane Does.



We shared a Jane Doe's moving story in the animated video "Story from Jane: Kind, Respectful, Caring." The story is told in Jane's own words - find it on our facebook page & our blog!

Credit: Steven Scott Nelson



In "Jane Doe, ¡te apoyamos! We support you!", volunteer Ingrid Rivera joined Client Services Manager Amanda Bennett to read postcards of support for the Jane Doe who took on ORR to access her abortion.

Credit: Anna Crain & Jacob Weiss

## THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Jane's Due Process is a small organization with a statewide footprint. The agency does not receive any government funding, and instead relies solely on dedicated individuals and foundations.

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(Top) **Dallas** Amy Fikes, hostess Leslie MacLean & Board President Marilyn Robertson. (Right) **Austin** Jim & Cheryl George along with Robbie Ausley celebrating with other JDP supporters at the home of Hans Magnusson. (Bottom) Board retreat 2017.



***"I didn't know there was this large a group of people dedicated to helping women in my situation and it was really nice to have so much support."** - Age 17*

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