

# JANE'S DUE PROCESS



2019 - IMPACT REPORT

## A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In July 2019, I joined Jane's Due Process as the new executive director. I am so grateful to my predecessor, Tina Hester, who retired after over 10 years of incredible service. As an attorney, a young woman of color and daughter of immigrants, reproductive rights and justice are core to my identity and values. I have been a hotline volunteer since 2015 and interned with JDP during law school - so it is a dream to now be helping lead this organization. Everyday, I am awed by the dedication, passion, and heart that the Jane's Due Process staff, board volunteers, and supporters bring to this work. I am so honored to be in this fight with you as we help young people in Texas access their reproductive rights.

Throughout this impact report you'll see all that Jane's Due Process accomplished in 2019 because of your support. If you've been with us for a long time, you are very familiar with the cornerstone of our work: providing legal support and case management for teens seeking a judicial bypass. The judicial bypass process is critical for young people who cannot safely obtain parental consent to access abortion care. In addition to this foundational program, over the past several years we've also expanded our work to provide additional support to young people in Texas. This includes a text hotline so teens can confidentially access birth control. And a powerful youth leadership program that centers former JDP clients as they become leaders in the movements for reproductive rights and justice. And as

access has become more and more limited across Texas, we've expanded our community education and engagement to make sure young people everywhere know their rights.

Texas passed its first parental involvement law for birth control in the late 1990s. Then in 2001, the state passed its first parental involvement law for abortion. These laws are unjust at their core because they rob young people of their bodily autonomy. So another critical part of Jane's Due Process's work is fighting to repeal parental consent laws. Each and every day we are working to create a future where young people have true reproductive freedom.

**Thank you so much for being a part of this work, none of it would be possible without you!**

*Sincerely,*

***Rosann Mariappuram***

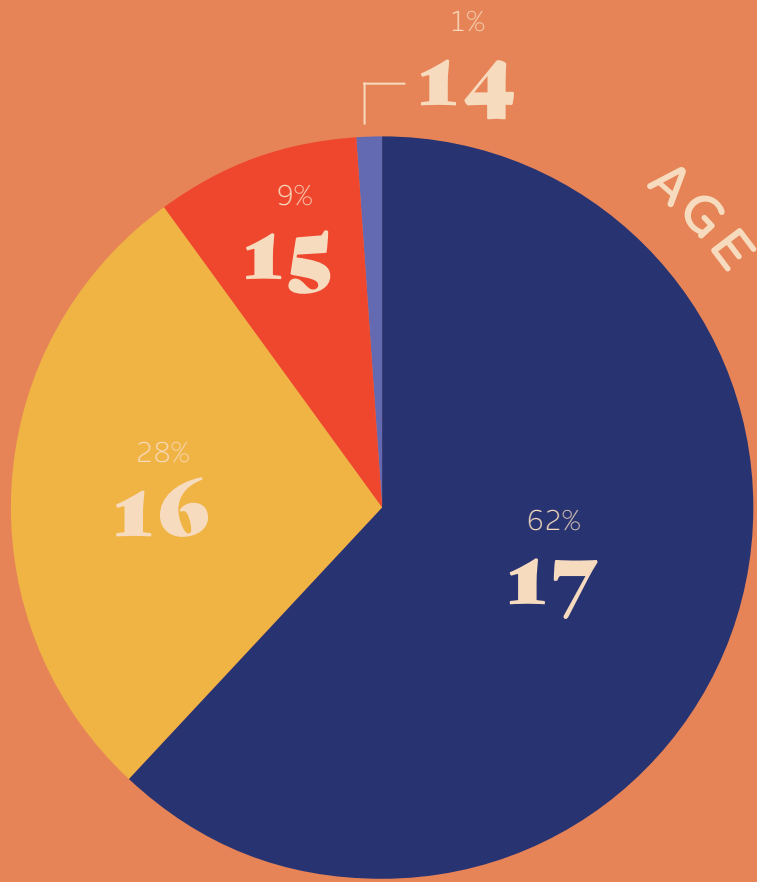




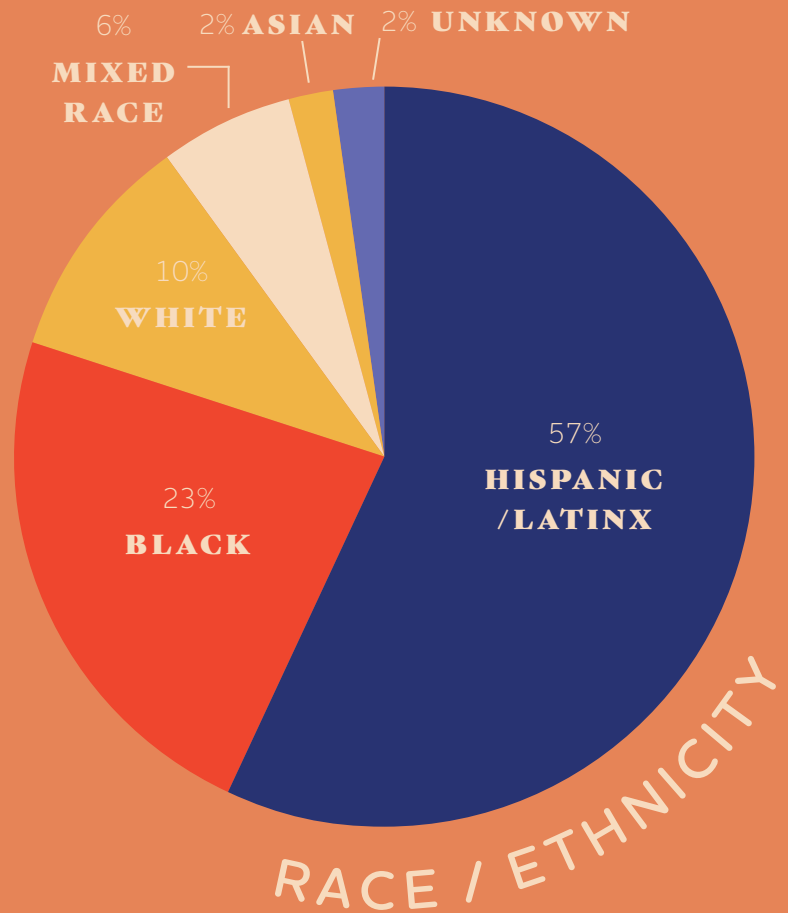
# *Accessing Abortion Through Judicial Bypass*

In 2019, Jane's Due Process helped 325 teens in Texas navigate unintended pregnancy. Our phone hotline (866-999-5263) is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by trained volunteers who complete the initial intake with each of our clients. Not all of our clients ultimately choose to pursue judicial bypass, although the majority do.

Once a young person has called our hotline & completed an intake, our client services manager walks them through their pregnancy options, the judicial bypass law, and supports their decision making process. For teens who chose abortion care through the judicial bypass process, we help find them legal representation from our state-wide network of attorneys and manage the logistics of the process. If their bypass is granted by a judge, we help the young person access abortion. This includes everything from coordinating travel to and from the court and clinic, scheduling the appointment, finding funding, and providing emotional support. On average, the entire process from an intake to a Jane getting care takes three weeks. **No matter what, every teen who contacts Jane's Due Process gets all the support we can offer.**



THE NEED FOR JUDICIAL BYPASS, AS WITH ALL SYSTEMIC BARRIERS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE, FALLS DISPROPORTIONATELY ON YOUNG PEOPLE OF COLOR.



# *Reason for Judicial Bypass*

PARENT WILL FORCE MINOR TO CONTINUE PREGNANCY (WILL NOT CONSENT)	126
FEAR OF PHYSICAL ABUSE	26
OTHER EMOTIONAL ABUSE	59
FEAR OF SEXUAL ABUSE	1
PARENT(S) WILL KICK OUT MINOR	95
PARENT UNABLE TO GO TO	19
MINOR IS AN ORPHAN DE FACTO (NO PARENT PRESENT)	58
OTHER	41

OUR CLIENTS CAN PROVIDE MORE THAN ONE REASON FOR SEEKING BYPASS.

# *Outcome*

GRANTED	164
DENIED	10
NEVER HEARD BACK	73
MISCARRIAGE	7
CONTINUED PREGNANCY	31
NOT PREGNANT	12
OBTAINED CONSENT	23
TRAVELED OUT OF STATE	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>325</b>

“THEIR MORAL SUPPORT, THEIR UNDERSTANDING, THE WAY THEY EXPLAINED THE PROCEDURE, MAKING SURE I UNDERSTOOD EVERYTHING NOT ONLY TO PROVE TO THE JUDGE BUT ALSO FOR MY WELLBEING”

*-Jane*

“SPEAKING WITH MY CASEWORKER WAS EXTREMELY POSITIVE, SHE GAVE ME ALL THE INFORMATION I NEEDED AS WELL AS THE SUPPORT AS NEEDED AS WELL.”

*-Jane*

“MY CASE MANAGER, MY ATTORNEY, AND MY GUARDIAN WERE VERY POSITIVE IN THE JUDICIAL BYPASS. THEY ALL WERE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF HELP AND A GREAT SHOULDER TO LEAN ON AND MADE ME FEEL VERY CONFIDENT THAT I WOULD GET THROUGH THIS SITUATION.”

*-Jane*

“MY ATTORNEY DID GREAT AND WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND TO HELP ME.”

*-Jane*

# *Helping Teens Get Birth Control*

Texas also has a parental consent law for birth control, meaning that young people need a parent or guardian's permission to obtain prescriptive methods such as the birth control pill or IUD. Teens can get past this barrier by seeking contraceptive care from federally funded programs like Medicaid and the Title X family planning program. However, in 2019 the federal government instituted a domestic 'gag-rule' which attempted to prohibit healthcare providers that receive Title X funding from talking about abortion or referring patients to local clinics for care. These new restrictions caused 1 in 4 grantees to leave the Title X program nationwide in 2019. According to the Texas Policy Evaluation Project (TxPEP), the changes also caused a lot of confusion here in Texas for teens and healthcare providers about birth control access.

That's why JDP's text line (866-999-5263 ) is essential. Trained volunteers answer young people's questions from 8am-11pm every single day. We started the text line in 2017 to provide youth the ability to anonymously text us and get information about birth control access and other reproductive and sexual



health information. We are thrilled with its steadily increasing growth because we know we're reaching more teens across the state who need help.

**In 2019:**

- We received 2,121 texts from youth who wanted to know more about their reproductive and sexual health. That's almost double the number of texts we received in 2018!
- Roughly 70% of the texts were from teens wanting information on reproductive and sexual health for themselves. Occasionally a person contacts the text line to get information for a teen they know.
- Teens from all over Texas texted the hotline, including youth in communities like Weslaco, Lubbock, Waco, Wichita Falls, Pharr, El Paso, and Corpus Christi. We received texts from every region of Texas: West Texas, the Panhandle, the Rio Grande Valley, East Texas, North Texas, Central Texas, and South Texas.
- Sixty one percent of the questions from teens texting the line were about birth control access. Other reasons for contacting the text line included pregnancy scares, abortion access information, and questions about sexually transmitted infections.
- The majority of texts were from youth ages 13 to 17. Occasionally we hear

from adults who have questions as well!

We also gather information on the text line like what kinds of birth control teens are curious about, how far the teens are from their nearest Title X provider, and if they live in a birth control desert. As we move forward we can use this information to make the text hotline even more effective.

**“A TEEN REACHED OUT TO THE TEXT HORLINE REGARDING QUESTIONS ABOUT BRITH CONTROL. SHE SHARED THAT SHE HAD HEARD IT WOULD AFFECT HER FUTURE FERTILITY. I PROVIDED EDUCATION TO THE TEEN THAT ALL FORMS OF BIRTH CONTROL DO NOT AFFECT YOUR FUTURE FERTILITY. AND, THAT WITH EVERY FORM OF BIRTH CONTROL, YOU CAN GET PREGNANT BASICALLY AS SOON AS YOU STOP TAKING IT. AT THE END OF THE COVERSATOIN, SHE SAID: ‘THANK YOU SO MUCH I APPRECIATE IT.’”**

***- Text Line Volunteer***



# Youth Leadership

In January 2019 we transitioned our Peer Support Program into what is now our Youth Leadership program. Five former judicial bypass clients make up our current cohort of youth leaders. We help them apply for fellowships and leadership opportunities in the reproductive health, rights, and justice movements. In 2019 we helped organize the first-ever We Testify Texas, a cohort of Texans (including our youth leaders) developed to become abortion storytellers through the national We Testify program of the National Network of Abortion Funds. We also connect

the cohort with journalists and speaking opportunities to get their stories out into the world.

## Our youth leaders accomplished so much in 2019, including:

- Had their stories published in outlets including Bustle, PopSugar, Rewire, Teen Vogue, VICE, and Bitch Media.
- Won fellowships with various organizations including NARAL Pro-Choice Texas and Reproaction, took part in the Texas Abortion Funds AdvocacyDay at the Texas legislature, and did work with Deeds Not Words, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, and Advocates for Youth.
- Testified in front of the United States Congress on the state of reproductive rights in America.
- Spoke about youth reproductive rights at events like the Abortion Care Network Conference, had their stories featured in a YouTube documentary about parental involvement laws, and were honored for their work by the Texas Equal Access Fund.

**“I STARTED SHARING MY STORY TO TRY TO CHANGE PARENTAL NOTIFICATION LAWS AND OTHERS THAT THREATEN ABORTION ACCESS. WE ALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO END A PREGNANCY IF WE’RE NOT READY TO CARRY IT TO TERM — AND TO MAKE THAT DECISION ON OUR OWN, WITHOUT PARENTS, LAWYERS, OR JUDGES.”**

***Veronika***

Jane’s Due Process youth leader,  
in PopSugar, April 2019

This is just our first cohort of youth leaders! Coming into 2020 we have plans to develop new youth leaders, and we’re also developing programming to engage youth who haven’t had abortions but who want to be advocates for youth reproductive and sexual health.

# Community Engagement & Education

In 2018 Jane's Due Process started dramatically improving our reach online to reach youth directly with information about reproductive and sexual health. In 2019, our Facebook ads made over 500,000 impressions with youth ages 14 to 17 in Texas -- which is equal to the number of Texas teens in that age range signed up for Facebook. **That means that every teen in Texas on Facebook saw one of our ads at least once in 2019.** We heard from teens that these ads (as well as ads on Instagram) gave them the information they needed to access birth control and know where to turn for support if they experienced an unwanted pregnancy. They also let us know how much it meant to them that we were fighting to protect and expand their rights.

**TO GET AN IDEA OF JUST HOW MUCH IMPACT OUR DIGITAL ADS PROMOTING YOUTH ACCESS TO BIRTH CONTROL AND ABORTION HAVE HAD, CHECK OUT THESE NUMBERS:**

## BIRTH CONTROL AD #1

ENGLISH

This ad **reached 525,038 teens** between the ages of 13-17 in Texas.

The average number of times each person saw this ad was: 8.65.

This ad **led to 27,479 clicks to our website** to learn more about Title X.

It received 8,271 reactions and 3,234 shares.

## JUDICIAL BYPASS AWARENESS AD #1

SPANISH

This ad **reached 111,388 Spanish speaking teens** between the ages of 13-17 in Texas and in Mexican border states Chihuahua, Tamaulipas, and Coahuila.

The average number of times each person saw this ad was: 16.91.

This ad **led to 1,298 clicks to our Spanish website pages** to learn about judicial bypass.

This ad led to 7,836 reactions and 115 shares.



“BECAUSE OF ONE OF THESE ADS, I WAS ABLE TO GET ON BIRTH CONTROL AND GET TREATED FOR SOMETHING I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW I HAD! Y'ALL'RE DOING A GOOD JOB AND I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE PROVIDING THESE RESOURCES FOR TEENAGERS.”

*-Jane*

“THANK YOU FOR THIS! I KNOW SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE THROWN INTO PARENTHOOD TOO YOUNG BECAUSE OF THEIR PARENTS. THANK YOU FOR HELPING KIDS OUR AGE TAKE CONTROL OF OUR BODIES.”

*-Jane*

“HONESTLY, IT'S AMAZING THAT WE HAVE THIS KIND OF SUPPORT HERE IN TEXAS. EVERYBODY HAS A RIGHT TO DO AS THEY PLEASE WITH THEIR OWN BODY.”

*-Jane*

“YO AMO Y APOYO A JANE'S DUE PROCESS. ELLOS ME AYUDARON CONSEGUIR MI ABORTO.”

*-Jane*

# *Jane's Due Process in the Community*

- We provided support to advocates fighting against a parental consent for abortion law proposed in the Florida legislature.
- On top of providing online Continuing Legal Education (CLE), we hosted in-person CLE events in the Rio Grande Valley and Dallas, bringing together lawyers to learn more about how to serve youth who need judicial bypass.
- Our community engagement coordinator, Eleanor Grano, coordinated a training for our partners in the Trust. Respect. Access. coalition of Texas abortion rights organizations to produce social media campaigns fighting back against the wave of local abortion ban ordinances being passed in various communities around the state.
- Our client services manager Irma Garcia became a certified sex educator and presented on youth reproductive rights as part of the Day School ATX events hosted by our friends at The Afya Center.
- We welcomed new staff member Graci D'Amore to our team to grow our text line capacity.
- Our staff attended various conferences, building relationships with youth service professionals around the state to ensure that when young people in Texas need us, adults in their lives know about our resources -- and are prepared to share them without stigma or shame.



## **THANK YOU!**

AS A SMALL ORGANIZATION SERVING YOUTH ACROSS TEXAS (AND SOMETIMES BEYOND), JANE'S DUE PROCESS IS ONLY ABLE TO ACHIEVE WHAT WE DO BECAUSE OF THE SUPPORT FROM A NUMBER OF FOUNDATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS JUST LIKE YOU. YOUR GIFTS TO JANE'S DUE PROCESS DIRECTLY IMPACT THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE EVERY YEAR — FOR THAT WE SAY, **THANK YOU!**

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK IN 2019:

**GRANT ME THE WISDOM FOUNDATION HARRIS AND ELIZA KEMPNER FOUNDATION HERB BLOCK FOUNDATION INTREPID PHILANTHROPY FOUNDATION JACOB AND TERESE HERSHEY FOUNDATION JURIED FAMILY FOUNDATION MITHOFF FAMILY CHARITABLE FUND TRAVIS COUNTY WOMEN LAWYERS FOUNDATION FLORA HEWLETT FOUNDATION WINKLER FAMILY FOUNDATION VARIOUS ANONYMOUS FOUNDATIONS**

WE ALSO WANT TO THANK THE GENEROUS HOSTS OF OUR EVENTS IN 2019:

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