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# ILLINOIS ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Annual Report



## WHO WE ARE

Illinois Access to Justice (ILA2J) is a state-wide program that seeks to mitigate the devastating consequences of detention and incarceration and the resulting effects on historically marginalized communities. Through a coalition of 80+ community-centered organizations, we are expanding the network of holistic community-based legal services, including direct legal representation and education campaigns led by directly impacted leaders through community navigator programs. ILA2J is co-administered by The Resurrection Project (TRP) and the Westside Justice Center (WJC) with funding provided by the Illinois Department of Human Services, Office of Welcoming Centers for Refugee and Immigrant Services.

## BY THE NUMBERS

JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

75

Organizations  
Funded

797

Community Navigators  
Trained

22,378

Free Legal  
Screenings

593,341

Individuals Informed  
of Their Rights



THE RESURRECTION PROJECT

# 2023 PROGRAM IMPACT

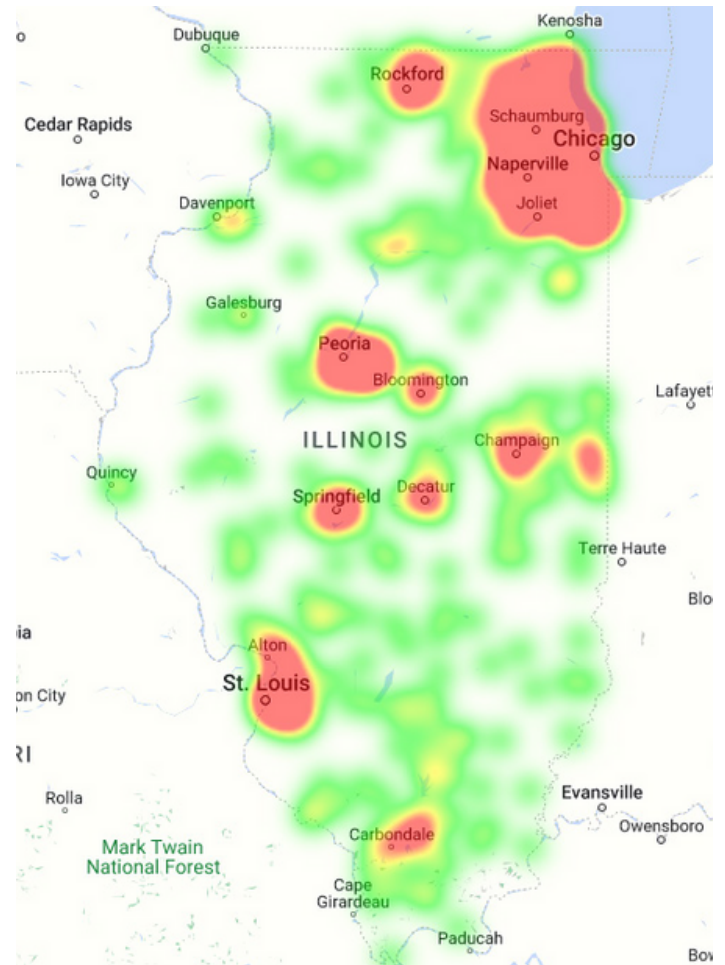
“One of our clients referred his mother to our immigration legal services department in Waukegan. During the consultation we concluded that she was eligible for an adjustment of status to become a Legal Permanent Resident. Once she received her work permit and social security number, she was able obtain a new job in a better work environment. Thanks to the support of ILA2J and HACES, after being in the United States for almost 30 years, she is now a green card holder!”

- HACES

“Because of a case disposition error, a CPS Social Worker who is continually screened by the District was frequently questioned about whether she had a felony conviction on her record, which would have disqualified her from continuing to work there. We ordered the court file and pointed out the error to the Clerk and filed a motion seeking the correction which was then granted - allowing the Moran Center to complete the User's sealing petition and keep her job at CPS.”

- Moran Center

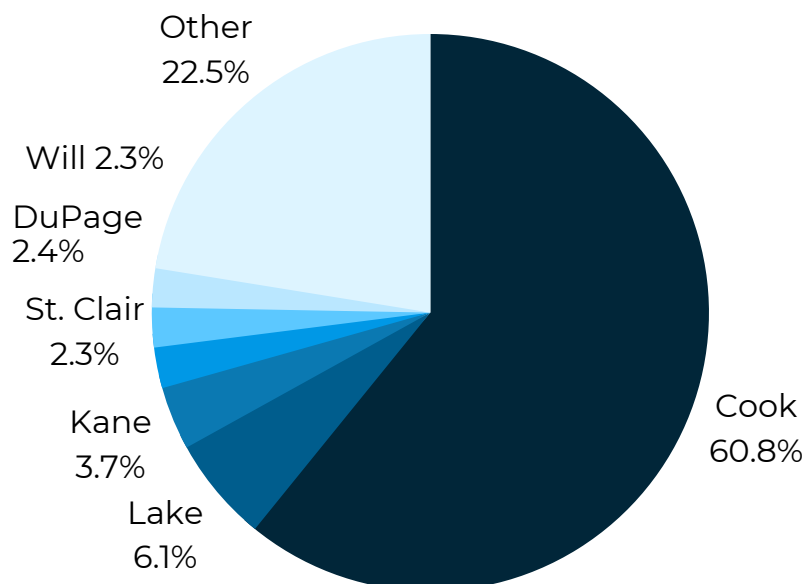
## LEGAL SCREENINGS



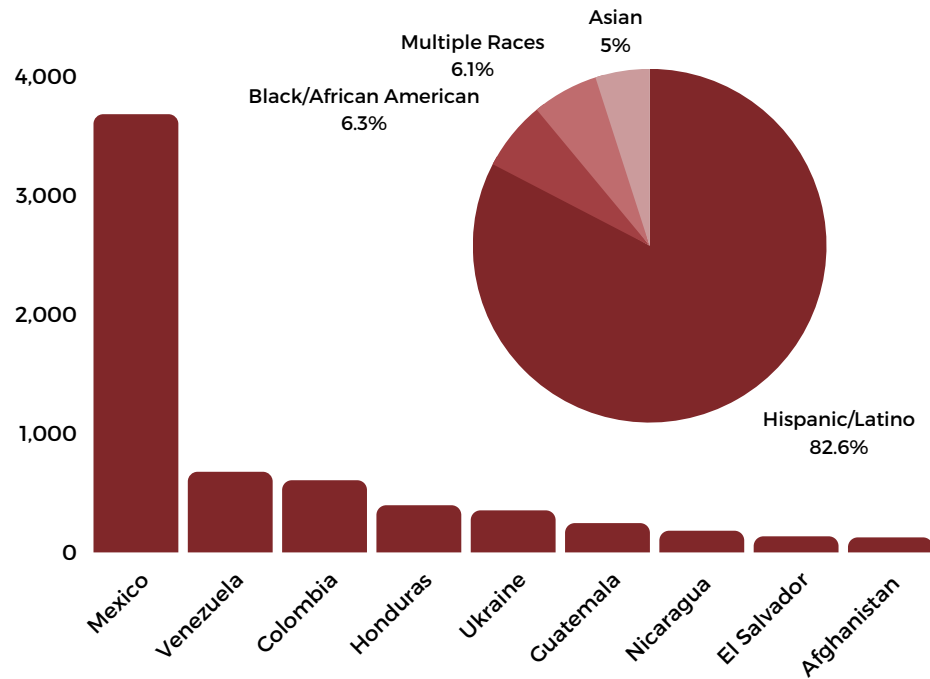
Number of legal screenings based on zip code data



## COUNTIES SERVED



# COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY IMMIGRATION



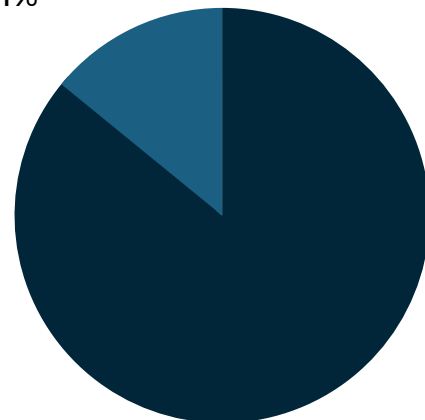
- **531** community navigators trained
- **162,930** individuals reached via presentations
- **7,978** legal screenings
- **3,915** cases accepted for representation
- **675** deportation defense cases
- **199** asylum cases



# COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY INCARCERATION

- **14,400** legal screenings
- **11,730** cases opened
- **266** community navigators trained
- **430,411** reached via presentations

Hispanic/Latino  
14.1%



Black/African American  
85.9%

# FY23 ILA2J PARTNERS

Acclivus  
A Knock at Midnight  
Alianza Hispanoamericana  
Alliance of Local Service Organizations  
Ascend Justice  
Beyond Legal Aid  
Binational Institute of Human Development  
BUILD Inc.  
Cabrini Green Legal Aid  
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago  
Centro de Información  
Centro de Trabajadores Unidos  
Centro Romero  
Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance  
Chicago Community and Workers' Rights  
Chicago Torture Justice Center  
Chicago Urban League  
Chicago Volunteer Legal Services  
Chicago Workers Collaborative  
Children's Legal Center  
Cornerstone Community Development Corp.  
Ecker Center for Behavioral Health  
Equip for Equality  
Erie Neighborhood House  
Ex-Cons for Community and Social Change  
Farmworker & Landscaper Advocacy Project  
First Defense Legal Aid  
FirstFollowers  
Greater Chicago Legal Clinic  
HANA Center  
Hispanic American Community Education & Services  
Illinois Legal Aid Online  
Illinois Prison Project  
Indo-American Center  
Instituto del Progreso Latino  
James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy  
Jewish Child and Family Services  
Land of Lincoln Legal Aid  
Lawndale Christian Legal Center  
Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing  
Legal Aid Chicago  
Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services  
Legal Council for Health Justice  
Logan Square Neighborhood Association  
Metropolitan Tenants Organization  
Middle Eastern Immigrant and Refugee Alliance  
Migrant and Community Action Project  
Muslim Women Resource Center  
National Immigrant Justice Center  
North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic  
Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors  
Northwest Center  
Open Communities  
Partners for Our Communities  
Prairie State Legal Services  
Proviso Leyden Council for Community Action, Inc.  
Public Interest Law Initiative  
RefugeeOne  
Safer Foundation  
Southwest Organizing Project  
Spanish Community Center  
Syrian Community Network  
Teamwork Englewood  
The Immigration Project  
The Resurrection Project  
United African Organization  
Uptown People's Law Center  
Valley Immigrant Advocates  
Vietnamese Association of Illinois  
Warehouse Workers for Justice  
Western Illinois Dreamers  
Westside Justice Center  
Women in Need of Recovery  
YMCA of the University of Illinois  
YWCA Northwestern Illinois

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