

2024

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, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

78

Organizations
Funded

816

Community Navigators
Trained

24,353

Free Legal
Screenings

674,947

Individuals Informed
of Their Rights



2024 PROGRAM IMPACT

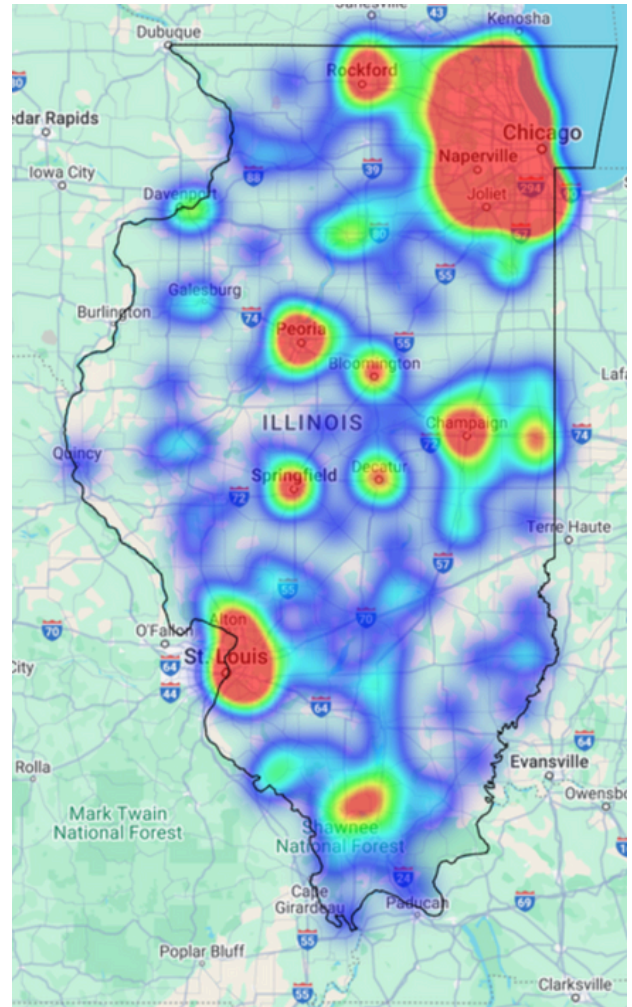
The Department of Homeland Security has received 1,500 applications for Deferred Action for Labor Enforcement (DALE), a benefit that provides protections for workers who have suffered workplace violations. Of those 1,000 have been adjudicated with 25% of those applications coming from RTF. RTF is often a sole source for workers to turn to...the ILA2J partnership supports our efforts and strides to take on a significant amount of DALE cases.

- Raise the Floor

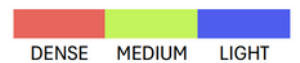
[When] the Chicago area was hit with a huge rainstorm that caused a substantial amount of damage and cost to Chicago residents. We were able to provide rental assistance, food, and emergency supplies. In another instance of a success story, our coordinator provided court advocacy to a youth. Due to her advocacy and the youth's work in complying with court mandates and maintaining good behavior, the court granted the youth supervision.

- BUILD

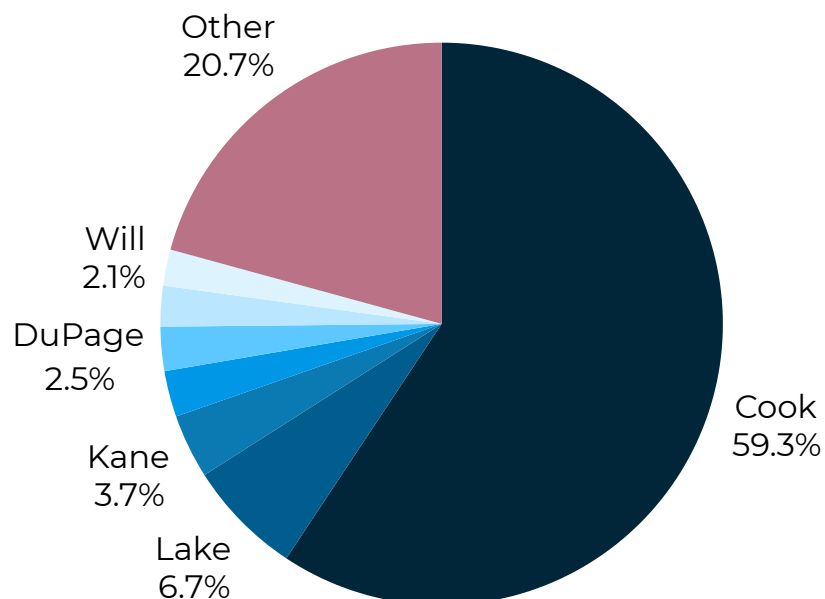
LEGAL SCREENINGS



Number of legal screenings based on zip code data



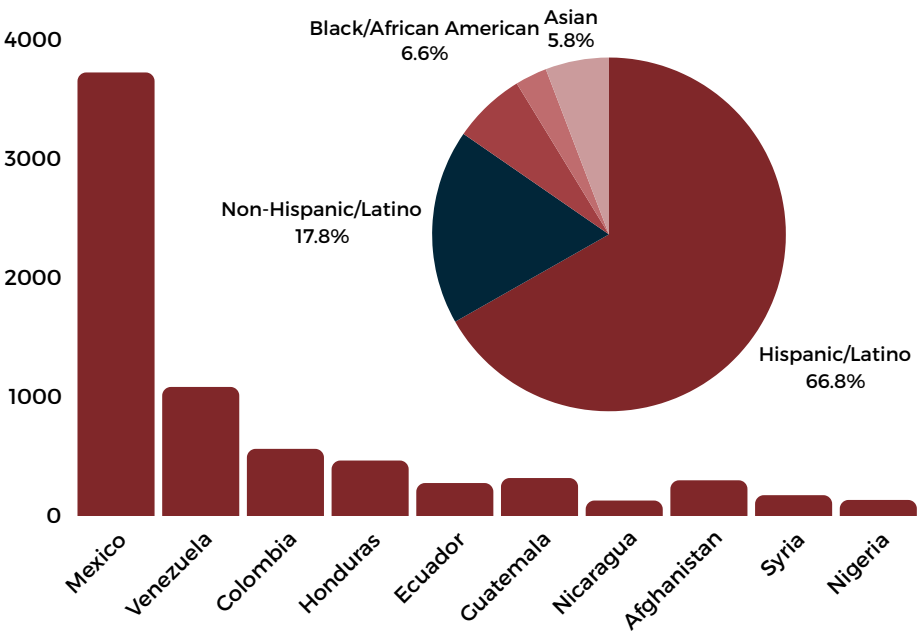
COUNTIES SERVED



COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY IMMIGRATION



Demographics of Legal Screenings



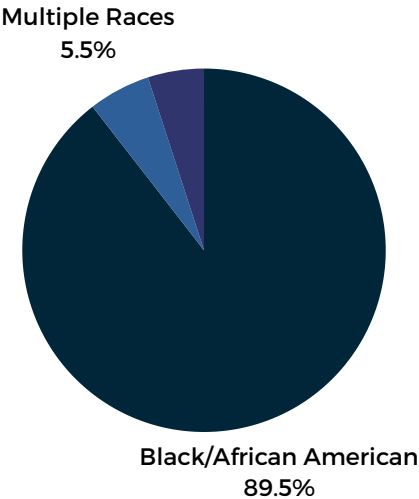
- **534** community navigators trained
- **188,770** individuals reached via presentations
- **8,653** legal screenings
- **4,350** cases accepted for representation
- **940** deportation defense cases
- **236** asylum cases



COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY INCARCERATION

- **15,700** legal screenings
- **13,437** cases opened
- **282** community navigators trained
- **486,177** reached via presentations

Demographics From Legal Screenings



FY24 ILA2J PARTNERS

A Knock at Midnight

Acclivus, Inc

AKWAABA Quad Cities

Alianza Hispanoamericana NFP, Inc.

Alliance of Local Service Organizations

Ascend Justice

Beyond Legal Aid

Binational Institute of Human Development

BUILD, Inc.

Cabrini Green Legal Aid (CGLA)

Catholic Charities

Centro de Informacion

Centro de Trabajadores Unidos

Centro Romero

Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation

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 Corporation

Ecker Center for Behavioral Health (Renz)

Equip for Equality

Erie Neighborhood House

Ethiopian Community Association

Farmworker & Landscaper Advocacy Project

Federacion de Clubes Michoacanos- Casa

Michoacan

First Defense Legal Aid

First Followers

Greater Chicago Legal Clinic

HACES

Haitian American Museum HAMOC

HANA Center

Illinois Legal Aid Online

Illinois Prison Project

Indo-American Center

Instituto del Progreso Latino (IDPL)

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 (LCBH)

Legal Aid Chicago

Legal Council for Health Justice

Logan Square Neighborhood Association

Metropolitan Family Services

Metropolitan Tenants Organization

Middle Eastern Immigrant and Refugee Alliance

Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project

Muslim Women Resource Center

National Immigrant Justice Center

North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic (NSLAC)

Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors

Northwest Side Housing Center

Open Communities

Partners for Our Communities

Prairie State Legal Services

Proviso Leyden Council for Community Action, Inc.

Public Interest Law Initiative

Raise the Floor Alliance

RefugeeOne

Safer Foundation

Southwest Organizing Project

Spanish Community Center

Syrian Community Network

Teamwork Englewood

The Immigration Project

United African Organization

University of Illinois YMCA

Uptown People's Law Center

Valley Immigrant Advocates

Vietnamese Association of Illinois

Warehouse Workers for Justice

Western Illinois Dreamers

Westside Justice Center

YWCA Northwestern Illinois

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Immigrant Justice
THE RESURRECTION PROJECT

