

“Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree.” — **Matthew 13:32**



JUSTICE AND MERCY
LEGAL AID CENTER

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20 YEARS OF JUSTICE *A New Beginning!*

Honoring the stories, people, and partnerships that have shaped our work and marking the **Grand Opening** of our new home.

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Our *History*

Co-founders Steve Thompson and Sulma Mendoza **opened JAMLAC in 2006 out of a desire to fight injustice** faced by people in poverty. JAMLAC began in a converted motel room at Joshua Station and served 96 clients in its first year. **Now in a much larger space, JAMLAC has 27 staff members and serves 4,250 people annually.**

The *Why*

Because the Lord requires of us **“to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God,”** we live out this call through our work at JAMLAC—**seeking justice for those struggling with poverty and oppression,** while affirming each person’s dignity and strengthening their ability to direct their own lives.



A Message for *You...*



“When we first began, we were working out of a single motel room, converting bathrooms into offices and wondering how we would make payroll. **What we had was not resources—but a calling to seek justice for those who could not afford it.**

Over the past 20 years, that calling has grown into a community of volunteers, advocates, and partners who have helped us serve thousands of individuals and families each year.

As we stand in this new home, I am reminded that while so much has changed, **one thing has remained constant: our commitment to walk alongside those facing poverty and oppression.** The future of JAMLAC is not just about growth—it is about continuing to open doors to justice for those who need it most”.

- Steve Thompson, JAMLAC Co-Founder

“Every case we take represents a life, a story, and a moment of trust. Over the years, I have seen clients arrive carrying fear, uncertainty, and often deep pain—and I have also witnessed what happens when they begin to feel safe, supported, and seen.



From our early days to now, as we expand our services and reach communities across Colorado, what continues to guide our work is the belief that every person deserves dignity and the opportunity to build a future without fear. **The growth of JAMLAC is not measured only in numbers, but in the lives restored,** the families reunited, and the hope that continues to move forward through each person we serve”.

- Sulma Mendoza, JAMLAC Co-Founder

Years of Impact



FROM A SINGLE MOTEL ROOM

JAMLAC began as a program of Mile High Ministries, operating from a single hotel room where two bathrooms were converted into attorney offices.



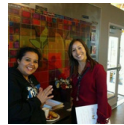
JUSTICE FOR FAMILIES

Since the beginning, we have taken family law cases for survivors who could not otherwise afford an attorney. Over the years, we have helped countless survivors escape abuse.



VOLUNTEERS DRIVE OUR SUCCESS

We had 25 volunteers over 200 hours of time that first year. JAMLAC has now 282 volunteers for a total of 3,125 hours, which is crucial for our impact services.



JUVENILE IMMIGRATION PROGRAM BEGINS

JAMLAC launched the Juvenile Immigration Program to provide legal protection and support for vulnerable children and youth.



A NEW BUILDING

JAMLAC purchased a new building to expand its services and welcome more individuals and families seeking justice and hope.



2026
4,250 Clients
\$2.7M Budget
27 Staff



20 YEARS OF JUSTICE

In January 2026, JAMLAC celebrates its 20th anniversary, marking two decades of expanding access to justice and serving thousands of individuals and families in our community.

2006

96 Clients
\$42K Budget
2 Staff

LEGAL CLINICS ACROSS DENVER

Over the years JAMLAC has partnered with Christian Legal Society, to host 12 legal clinics across the Denver metro area where volunteer attorneys provide legal advice on various matters. These clinics are still going strong.



2010

350 Clients
\$230K Budget
4 Staff



PROTECTING VULNERABLE IMMIGRANTS

The DOJ grant allowed us to launch our Immigration Department and begin serving abused and oppressed immigrants.

2014

898 Clients
\$492K Budget
12 Staff

WORKSHOPS EMPOWER COMMUNITIES

Beginning with Citizenship workshops and, expanding to offer Know Your Rights, Family Protection Plans, Older Adults, and more—Workshops are a key way JAMLAC educates and empowers our community while adapting to its needs.



2018

2,032 Clients
\$875K Budget
14 Staff



THE PRO BONO PROJECT BEGINS

By engaging volunteer attorneys from the community to take on cases through pro bono service, JAMLAC expanded its capacity to provide full representation in new areas of law.



2021

1,500 Clients
\$1.2M Budget
17 Staff

OLDER ADULT PROGRAM

We introduced the Older Adult Program to expand access to trusted legal support for aging members of our community.

Join us for the future...

What We Do

Full legal representation for:

FAMILY LAW PROGRAM

IMMIGRATION PROGRAM

OLDER ADULTS PROGRAM

PRO BONO PROGRAM

Other:

WORKSHOPS

12 TRIAGE CLINICS

BILINGUAL ADVOCACY

Who We Served

At JAMLAC, every story matters. We walk alongside individuals and families navigating some of life's most vulnerable moments:

- **Survivors of abuse and crime**
- **Older adults seeking stability and dignity**
- **Immigrants pursuing safety and opportunity**
- **Children in need of protection**


As we open the doors to our new home, we celebrate the people we serve, the stories they carry, and the partnerships that make this work possible—together.

We grow Together

Because of your support, we've built programs that serve our community and continue to plan for what's ahead. This work is only possible thanks to a community that believes in justice and the generosity of our donors and partners. Together, we create access, impact, and hope every day.

Thank you... to all who have supported over the 20 years

- **Individual and family donors** sustaining our mission
- **Business** partners for their support
- **Foundations Partners** for long-term investment
- **Government partners** advancing access to justice
- **Churches** and faith communities for their support
- **Volunteers** generously giving their time and talent
- **Board members** for their leadership
- **Staff** bringing justice to life every day

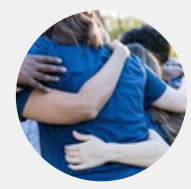
MORE STORIES

Ways to Engage



GET INVOLVED

VOLUNTEER



Volunteer with us

- Take a Pro Bono Case
- Events
- Workshops

DONATE



Support our Mission

- Monthly donor
- One-time gift
- Give creatively

EVENTS



Upcoming Events

- Coffee on Us
- CLE's & Luncheon