



JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT 2016

We've Made a Difference Together

A Message from Our New CEO:

2016 was an incredible year for JFS, thanks to your partnership and support. Our programs flourished like never before directly impacting more families and community members due to the concerted efforts of our staff, volunteers, board members, supporters, and friends.

We provided 13% more services to individuals and families who desperately needed assistance. We also educated 56% more community members and connected them to vital resources to help them and their loved ones find direction and healing.

The accomplishment I am most grateful for is the outpouring of support from our donors, synagogues, and other community organizations that donate food to our Kosher food pantries, contribute school supplies in the Fall, and collect toys for children during the holidays. I especially want to thank the more than 300 volunteers that keep JFS programs running on a daily basis.

In 2016, JFS provided services to over 30,000 individuals. We're here to help by serving people of all races, ethnic origins, and religions.

Thank you for giving so generously and for assuring that our clients find peace they never believed was possible. So many lives are being restored with your help.

In partnership,

Sam Nussbaum, CEO



MISSION

Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County is a non-profit human services agency whose mission, rooted in Jewish values, is to help all individuals and families in need realize an improved life experience at home, in the workplace, and in the community. We pursue these aims by providing effective social services, counseling, and advocacy.



JFS Citizenship student receives her U.S. Certificate of Citizenship. John Tello, Project Citizenship Coordinator with student.

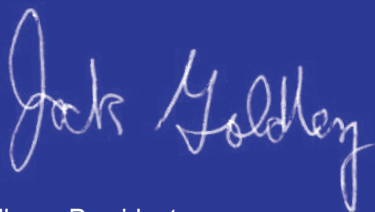
VISION

Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County is recognized as the most effective resource for those in need of human services, providing exceptional professionalism, compassion and respect for all those who seek its support.

A Message from Our President:

2016 was another very good year for our agency as you can see from the contents of this Annual Report. In the Fall of 2016, our long-term Executive Director, Sara Levine, gave us notice of her retirement after many years of outstanding service. Our Board immediately started the recruitment process for a new leader, which resulted in the hiring of our very capable new CEO, Sam Nussbaum. Sam comes to us with an extraordinary background of administrative, fundraising, and non-profit leadership experience, both in the Jewish and secular world. We are confident that Sam will build upon the solid foundation that Sara had created. In 2016, we were fortunate to receive our highest amount ever of funds for our Holocaust program from The Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. Success breeds success, and I am proud to have served as President on our Board.

To a bright future,



Jack Goldberg, President



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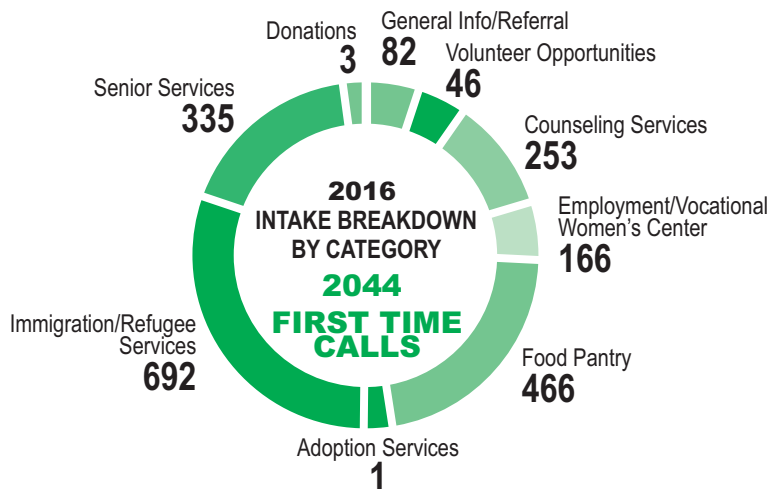
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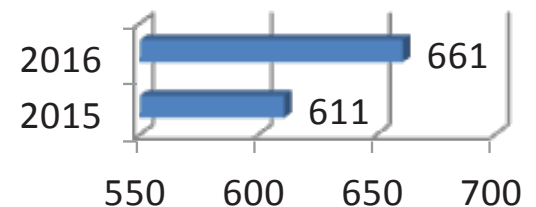
Community and Volunteer Services

Every year the community comes together to donate food, monies, and time to deliver Passover food to seniors and families in need. 661 individuals received Passover packages in 2016.

325 JFS volunteers provided 9,769 hours of service to JFS programs in 2016. Volunteers delivered 27,956 Kosher Meals on Wheels to recipients, educated 12,158 senior adults about Medicare fraud, waste, and abuse, helped in all senior programs, assisted in both agency offices, organized and packed food in the Kosher Food Pantry, and taught computer and citizenship classes.



INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED PASSOVER FOOD PACKAGES



There were 2,044 first-time intake calls to the agency. The intake desk handled requests for JFS services and provided referrals to outside organizations and agencies when appropriate.

"Thank you so much for the food you so generously provided for me. This past year has seen me through some trying financial times and it is a comfort to know that there are thoughtful people like those in your organization who are there to assist".

Sincerely, David

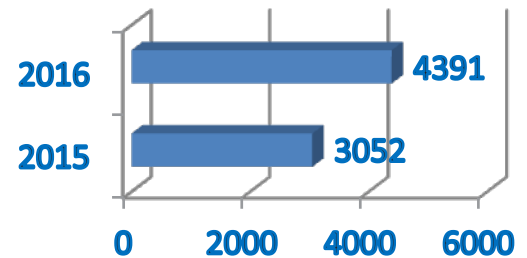


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Career Services / Women's Center

86 children received donated, new school supplies. 185 clients received career services.

CAREER SERVICES - JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE/JOB READINESS TRAINING HOURS

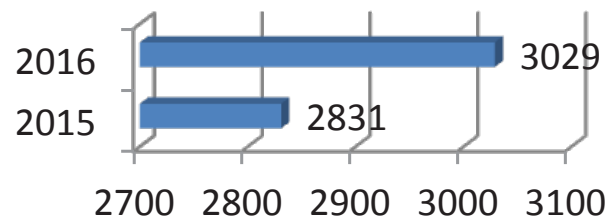


To show appreciation for women's continuing efforts toward full equality, the JFS Women's Center hosted a get-together for women and children.

Counseling Services

Mrs. Z visited the JFS Women's Center after suddenly losing her husband of 26 years. Extremely depressed, having to leave her home, no life insurance and unable to pay her bills, Mrs. Z was referred to JFS counseling. A licensed clinical social worker helped Mrs. Z boost her confidence and self-esteem while giving her the coping mechanisms she needed to handle her grief. Mrs. Z received food from the food pantry. Mrs. Z was then able to work with the JFS Women's Center to obtain a full-time job to support herself and her family.

COUNSELING SESSIONS OUTPATIENT



254 clients received counseling services in 2016.

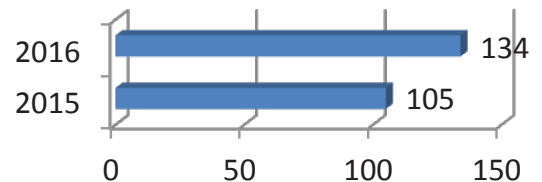


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Senior Services

Services to Holocaust survivors allowed them to live independently and with dignity in their own homes. 186 survivors received Kosher Meals on Wheels, case management services, transportation, housekeeping, and medical and dental assistance. 70,666 hours of homecare services were provided to survivors that included skilled nursing care, and homecare aides.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS ATTENDING CAFÉ EUROPA SOCIALIZATION PROGRAM



Mr. B had been the primary caregiver for his wife for many years. Soon after his wife's death, Mr. B learned about the JFS senior nutrition program in Highland Park. He began to attend and soon discovered the benefits of participating in the group. He reported to the program staff that he felt a sense of calmness, well-being, and connection to the community. Though he missed his wife dearly, he developed friendships that continued outside of the program.

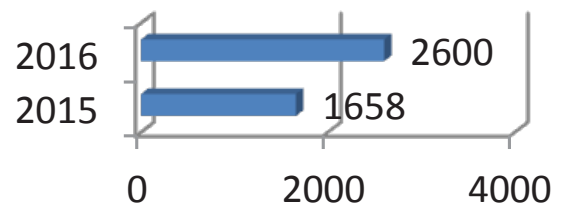


Cameo Senior Nutrition Program

Immigration Services

277 students enrolled in JFS citizenship classes. 259 LPRs became U.S. citizens.

IMMIGRANTS RECEIVING IMMIGRATION INFORMATION & ADVOCACY

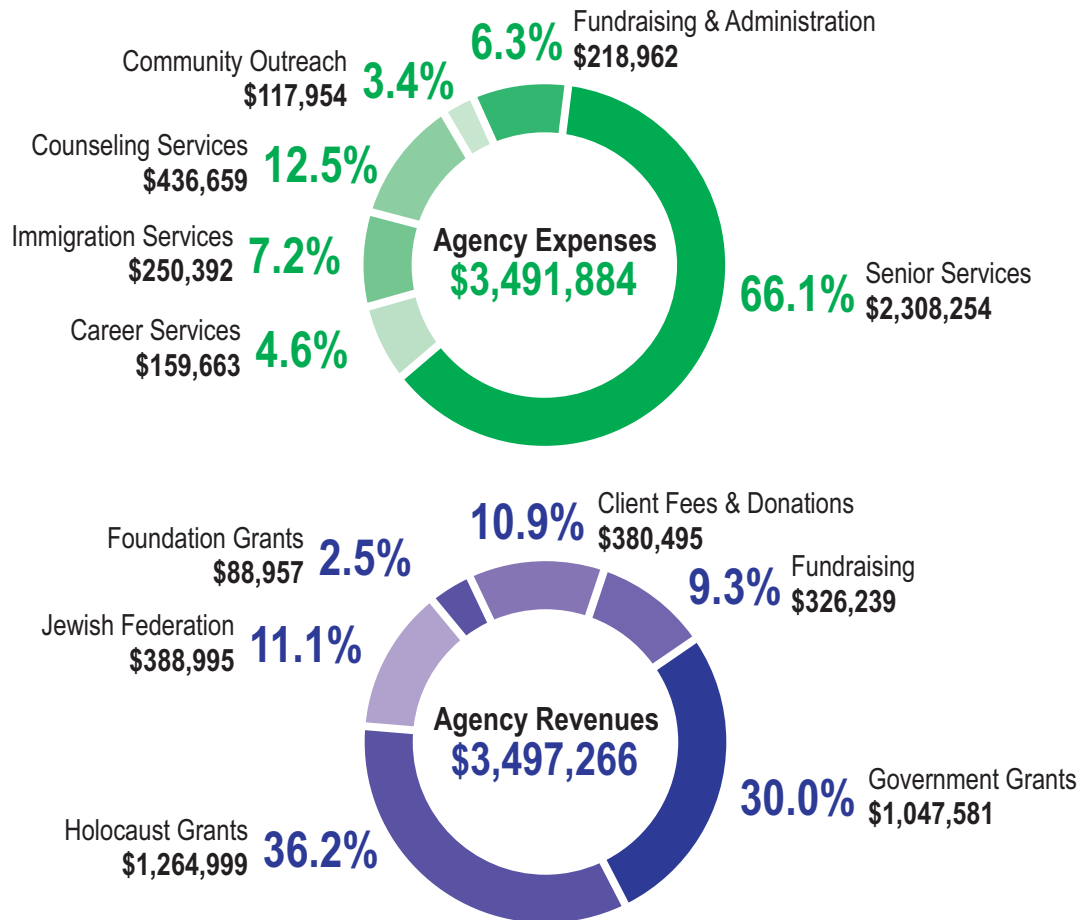


Miss C, an elderly, low income, Cuban LPR (Lawful Permanent Resident) attended JFS citizenship classes in Elizabeth. After a few months of classes, she submitted her N400 (citizenship application) with the help of JFS immigration staff. She was approved for a fee waiver and passed her interview becoming a U.S. citizen. Miss C then motivated her son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren to follow in her footsteps. The entire family enrolled in JFS citizenship classes and with JFS help, ultimately all became U.S. citizens.



New U.S. Citizens

Expenses/Revenue



JFS Partners

The Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany	Middlesex County Department of Senior Services	The Oolie Foundation
The Corporation for National and Community Service	Middlesex County Human Services Advisory Council	The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Investors Foundation	NJ Division of Child Protection & Permanency	The Tanzman Foundation
IOLTA Fund of the Bar of New Jersey	NJ Division of Family Development	United Way of Central Jersey
Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey	NJ Division on Women	U.S. Department of Homeland Security
		U.S. Health & Human Services Administration on Aging
		Woodbridge Housing Authority

*Thank you to our donors, funders, and volunteers that allow JFS to make a difference in the lives of others.
To learn about the exciting things we are doing to support the community, connect with us.
Our website is jfsmiddlesex.org and you can follow us at facebook.com/jfsmiddlesex.
Call 732-777-1940/609-395-7979*

Services

Counseling Services

JFS is licensed by the State of NJ Departments of Human Services and Children and Families to provide behavioral healthcare and adoption services. JFS professional staff of licensed clinicians provides services to children, adolescents, adults, and families. JFS maintains contracts with many health insurance plans.

- Individual, couple, family, and group counseling
- Adoption counseling, education, home study, and post placement services

Senior Services

JFS provides many services to senior adults and their families. All services aim to maintain the independence, dignity, and self-worth of the senior adult, while offering the family support and respite.

- Geriatric assessments and care management
- Socialization clubs
- Kosher Meals on Wheels
- Senior adult activity/lunch program
- Counseling services, in the office and at home
- Senior adult daycare
- Self-help group for widows/widowers
- Friendly visitors
- Holocaust survivor services

Career Services/Women's Center

JFS assists the unemployed, underemployed, career changers, women in transition, new Americans, and early retirees in entering/reentering the workforce.

- Career Link
 - Career testing
 - Career counseling and planning
 - Job search assistance
 - Job seekers support group
 - Career workshops
- The Women's Center for women in transition
- Computer Lab and Media Center
 - Computer classes
 - Access to internet job search

Volunteer Services

Volunteers are an integral part of the JFS team. Dedicated individuals contribute their unique talents, skills, and knowledge to impact the community. Volunteers are connected to a vital role in the agency resulting in a positive and enriching experience for both volunteers and clients.

- Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) grant from Senior Corps, a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency for volunteering, service, and civic engagement. CNCS engages millions of Americans in citizen service through its Senior Corps program and leads the nation's volunteer and service efforts. JFS matches RSVP volunteers aged 55+ to opportunities within JFS or other Middlesex County community venues.



Immigration Services

JFS provides immigration services to assist immigrants and refugees from all over the world. JFS is US government-certified to represent and advocate on behalf of immigrants in matters brought before US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

- Assistance in completing immigrant applications including naturalization and adjustment of status
- Assistance with consular forms
- Legal advocacy and access to social services
- Immigration / citizenship information workshops
- English as a Second Language (ESL) Based Citizenship classes
- Refugee employment services

Community Services

- Kosher food pantry
- Passover food packages
- Holiday gifts
- Backpacks of school supplies
- Information and Referral Department to JFS services and other community providers.
- Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) - SMP of New Jersey is part of the national SMP network funded by the US Administration on Aging. SMPs educate Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, family members, and caregivers about preventing, detecting, and reporting health care fraud, waste, and abuse.
- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), a statewide program sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Aging and Community Services provides free, objective, confidential help to Middlesex County Medicare beneficiaries who have problems with, or questions about Medicare.
- JRecovery, a Jewish self-help group, supports recovery from various addictions using spiritual insights from Jewish tradition.
- JFS On The Road participates in community events to foster awareness of agency services.
- JFS responds to disasters and critical incidents in schools, the workplace, and the community.

Thank You

*Thank You to our Donors, Funders and Volunteers
that help JFS to Support the Community*



2016 Mayor and County
Recognition Day for
National Service.
L-R KMOW volunteer
Aaron Dulberger,
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owner Dalia Barness,
KMOW volunteer David
Moskovic, JFS KMOW
Coordinator Sara Ullman



Volunteers pack Passover food.



Women's Center computer lab training.

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