Annual Report

FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY



2024 in Review

INNOVATION, COLLECTIVE ACTION, AND IMPACT

In 2024, we are thrilled to report another year of remarkable growth, impactful services, and continued dedication to our mission of ending the cycles of violence and abuse in our community. Like the previous year, 2024 witnessed an increase in the number of survivors served, and our scope of services expanded once again with the inclusion of two new partners, St. Andrew Legal Clinic for free family law case navigation, and Oregon Food Bank for fresh food distribution. We are proud to share that services delivered were the highest in our history, breaking the 11,600 mark.

In fact, one survivor shared with us, "I used to have to go door to door to door and nothing got done. I was always missing my appointments, struggling to get to the places, and it seemed like at each place I had to tell them everything again and again. But then I got here, and it all just worked. The things I needed to keep my kids and I safe are finally happening. It's like you're all working together just for us."

Along with the growth in the number of survivors served, our organization expanded the array of services provided. In 2024, we launched innovative programs such:

- <u>County-wide risk assessment:</u> FJC spearheaded a county-wide risk assessment, launched with law enforcement and judicial partners, to measure homicide risk during domestic and sexual violence calls, enhancing survivor safety and preventing homicides. This year, Washington County saw an 80% reduction in domestic violence homicides, reversing a post-pandemic upward trend.
- <u>Contested Restraining Order Hearings:</u> FJC, in partnership with Washington County Court and DVRC, launched a program enabling survivors to attend contested restraining order hearings remotely from the FJC, ensuring a safe, supportive environment with advocates and legal counsel while the accused appears in court. This landmark program is the first in the nation.
- Food Pantry partnership with Oregon Food Bank: FJC partnered with the Oregon Food Bank to create
 Oregon's first survivor-only food pantry, providing over 22,800 pounds of food this year to help
 survivors and their children access essential resources, overcome barriers, and rebuild their lives safely
 and healthily. Inability to access basic needs is a leading reason for survivors being unable to exit
 abusive situations.
- <u>Survivor Outreach and Advocacy:</u> FJC's Survivor VOICES Committee launched initiatives to engage in state and local policy advocacy and a Peer Outreach Program. These were aimed at using their lived experience to enhance survivor safety, improve access to justice, ensure offender accountability, and connect directly with survivors in the community.

This year, we continued our community-wide collaboration on events aimed at raising awareness, amplifying survivors' voices, and supporting families. Our events saw remarkable increases in engagement, particularly the Run for Hope and Holiday Food Box program. These events not only united our community but also demonstrated our whole county's commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment for survivors and their families.

2024 was one of innovation and impact for our organization that rippled out far beyond our walls. The journey toward ending violence and abuse requires the holistic, collaborative, multi-disciplinary approach championed inside of our center. Each year our efforts expand, proving that together, we can make real change in Washington County.

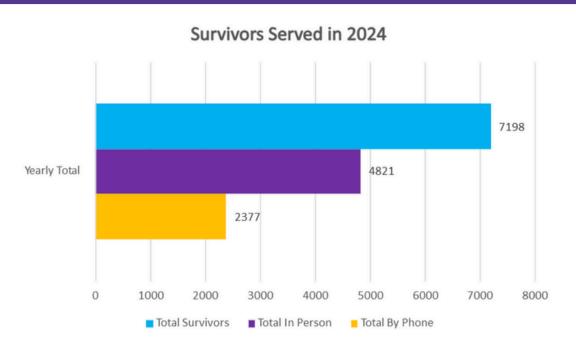
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SURVIVORS SERVED AND SERVICES PROVIDED

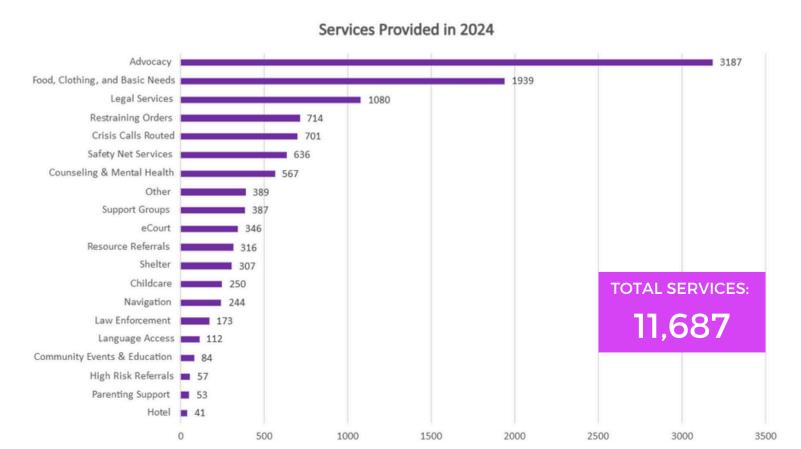
SURVIVORS SERVED

In 2024, the FJC served 26% more survivors than 2023. Since 2018, the FJC has seen a growth of 323% in survivors seeking services. We believe that the largest driver of this increase has been awareness, both of abuse generally and the Family Justice Center itself, but also the increasing number of partners located and services provided every year.



SERVICES PROVIDED

Services increased once again this year, by 16%. This included the addition of new services, new partners, and expanded partner capacity, in an effort to increase support and responsivity to survivor needs.



Impact

QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE

99.4%	Of survivors reported they experienced trauma informed care while receiving services.	100%	Of survivors reported that they received the help they needed to keep their family safe.
106	Families were provided emergency hotels or transportation to escape abuse.	57	Survivors at high risk of homicide had their cases coordinated to ensure their safety.
250	Children were cared for while their parents' sought services.	346	Survivors safely appeared for their court cases at the FJC.
1,939	Survivors received food and clothing.	389	Survivors were provided emergency items such as phones, gift cards, new locks, or address confidentiality.
701	After-hours crisis calls were routed to our partners, making the FJC's phone number its own one-stop-shop.	22,843	Pounds of food was distributed to survivors and their children.
100%	Of survivors felt they and their children were cared for by staff and partners	89.2%	Of survivors reported that after their visit they can see their path to Safety, Healing, and

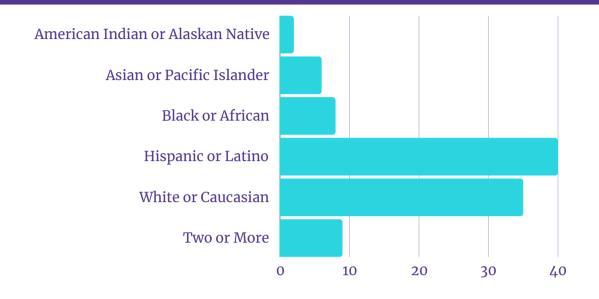
7,899

Additional services were coordinated amongst our 18 onsite partner agencies, ensuring that survivors only had to come to one place to access safety, healing, and hope.

Hope.

Demographics

SURVIVORS, STAFF, AND GEOGRAPHY

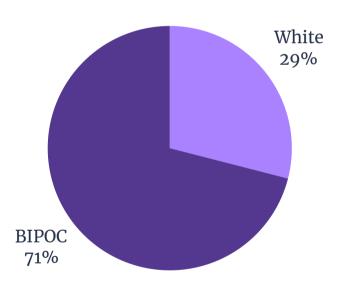


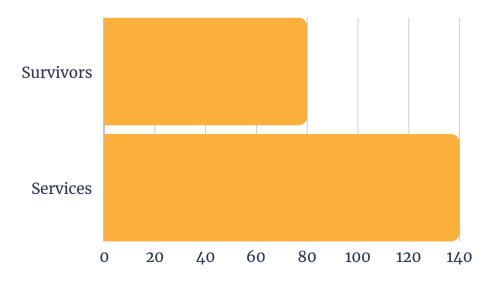
SURVIVOR DEMOGRAPHICS

Washington County population is 78% white and 22% people of color. The FJC serves 65% people of color, illustrating the disproportionate impact of violence and abuse on marginalized communities.

STAFF DEMOGRAPHICS

The FJC seeks to represent the populations it serves, including having survivors on staff and as board members. In addition to 71% identifying as BIPOC, 88% of staff identify as having lived experience as well as 100% on our VOICES Committee and 40% on our Board of Directors.





CITY OF TUALATIN

The FJC provided 80 Tualatin survivors with 140 services, an increase of 33% over 2023.

Highlights

INCREASING AWARENESS, DEEPENING IMPACT, UNITING COMMUNITY



Partners

TOGETHER, WE ARE ENDING THE CYCLES OF VIOLENCE AND ABUSE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.





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