# OUR WORK IN 2023

Public Health Committee 04/03/2024



# **WHO WE ARE**



Serving the Austin community for over 35 years



Originally known as the Political Asylum Project of Austin (PAPA)



501(C)(3) non-profit



Provide immigration legal services, advocacy, and education

# 12,000+

Empowered over 12,000 individuals with legal services and education across our service area

# \$1,100,000+

Leveraged over \$1,100,000 in volunteer and pro bono attorney support to better assist our clients

### **OUR LEGAL SERVICES**

**Educational Empowerment** 

Orientation to Legal System

**Full Representation** 







# IN 2023, WE OPENED OVER 1,000 FULL REPRESENTATION CASES



#### Some successes in 2023...

- Secured green card for immigrant from Eritrea based on marriage to a U.S. Citizen, granting permanent residency
- Secured Juvenile Visa for a 13-yearold Guatemalan child, granting permanent residency
- Won asylum for immigrants from Cameroon, Haiti, and Venezuela, all fleeing political persecution
- Reunited a 5-year-old immigrant from El Salvador with family
- Got many work authorizations granted, removal proceedings dismissed, and deferred action for victims of crime granted

# **Legal Pro Se Assistance Program - Pro Se I-589**

The *goal* is to complete 48 asylum applications, improving or protecting their immigration status and/or ensuring their right to obtain or maintain employment authorization.

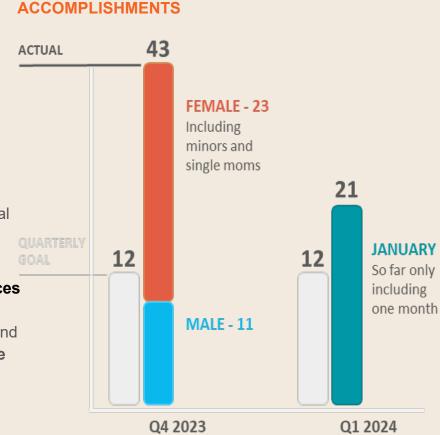
#### WHAT WE DO

#### Assist individuals with specific legal needs

Service any upcoming court appearance or deadline and that can be done with **Pro Se Legal Assistance** rather than full legal representation.

# Assist individuals in Removal Proceedings who have Notices to Appear

Help those with time-sensitive deadlines for filing applications and forms so they are able to **meet deadlines** and **become eligible for benefits**, such as work permits.



### **CITIZENSHIP CLINICS**







In 2023, we hosted citizenship clinics in all three of the cities we serve for the first time. We hosted two citizenship clinics in Austin, helping over 100 individuals on their path to citizenship.

# THE HUMAN IMPACT







# **MEET JOJO**



# Thank you for your partnership!



