



FY25 IMPACT REPORT



A WORD FROM LEADERSHIP

125 Years of Making a Difference Together

In 2026, JPA will celebrate an extraordinary milestone: 125 years of nurturing children, supporting families and educators, and strengthening communities. From our earliest days, guided by the vision of Jane Addams, we have believed that “The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life.” That belief continues to light our path, inspiring everything we do.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of FY25, we are inspired by how far we’ve come—and energized for what lies ahead. Our programs have continued to evolve to meet the changing needs of Chicago’s children, families, and educators while staying true to our founding values of equity, compassion, and community care.

We are especially grateful to our long-serving board members, whose wisdom, dedication, and unwavering support have been the backbone of JPA. Their commitment has helped shape our programs, expand our reach, and touch countless lives across generations. We are especially pleased to highlight the dedicated service of Malcolm S. Kamin, Esq., who first joined the JPA Board of Directors in 1971 and remains an active supporter to this day.

As we celebrate this remarkable anniversary, we honor the past, embrace the present, and look forward with joy and hope to the future. Together, we’ve built something extraordinary that secures “the good” for the youth, families and educators we serve. And the best is yet to come. We look forward to sharing their stories with you and hope you will join us on our journey.



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MISSION IN ACTION



Mission

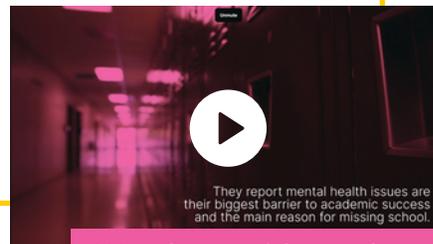
To bring compassionate, innovative mental health resources directly to children in need and the adults who support them.

Vision

No child ever has to struggle alone.

“Therapy made me more confident. It made me less shy. I’m an upstander not a bystander.”

– School-based Therapy Client



Watch our video to learn more



GROWTH

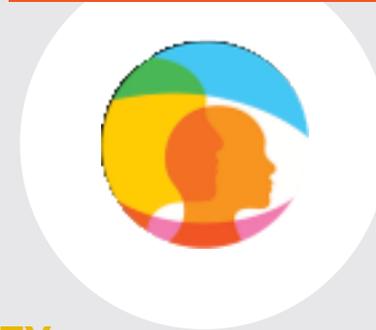
We consider new ideas and reflect on past actions with curiosity and an open mind.



LEADERSHIP

It is our obligation to share what we know to help children and those who support them.

VALUES



RESPECT

Relationships built on empathy, connection and understanding are effective tools for lasting change.



COMMUNITY

Chicago’s kids deserve the best minds working in tandem to protect, support and serve them.



ACTION

We strive to see systemic injustice clearly so we can better advocate for all.



IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS



4,000+
Children

196

Educators

197

Caregiver

22

Partner Schools

14

Neighborhoods

145

Volunteer



“Mental health is important because it is the brain, and the brain is the controller of the body. If something is wrong with your brain, something is wrong with everything.”

– School-Based Therapy Client

82%

of children in individual therapy showed substantial improvement in at least one domain of social-emotional functioning.

INDIVIDUAL THERAPY

School-based therapists were able to connect with **89%**

of the parents for systems-level support.

School-Based Therapists were able to hold substantive conversations with **98%** of their clients’ teachers.

CONNECT TO KIDS™ (C2K)

100%

of teachers stated that their relationships with individual students discussed in consultation improved.

94%

of educators reported that C2K had a positive effect on the overall school climate and culture.

100%

of teachers reported that consultation helped them better understand and respond to students’ challenging behaviors.

EMPOWERING EDUCATORS,

SUPPORTING STUDENTS

During the 2024–2025 school year, JPA offered school-based programming including: individual and small group therapy, Connect 2 Kids™ (C2K) consultation, and the Grandparent Circle program in 22 schools across 14 neighborhoods in Chicago.

School Partners



Ira F Aldridge Elementary

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Cyrus H McCormick Elementary

National Louis University (NLU)

Polaris Charter Academy

Frank W Reilly Elementary

Charles Sumner Math & Science
Community Academy

Daniel Webster Elementary

Wendell Smith Elementary



Neighborhoods



Altgeld-Gardens

Avondale

Hermosa

Humboldt Park

Little Village

Logan Square

Near West Side

North Lawndale

Old Town

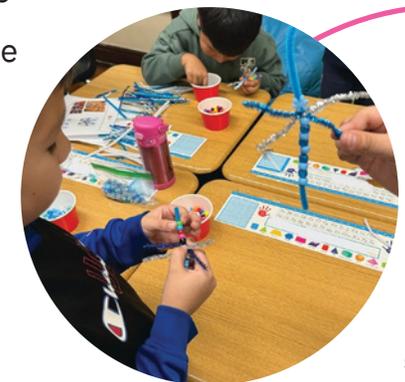
Pullman

Riverdale

Roseland

South Shore

West Town



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Grandparent Circle

During the 2024–2025 school year, JPA’s Grandparent Circle brought neighborhood elders and middle school girls together in four partner schools for weekly sessions focused on confidence, connection, relationships, and self-expression.

Through affirmations, journaling, crafts, and heartfelt conversations, the “grandmothers” offered girls a safe space to be heard and supported. When asked what they liked most about the program, one participant shared, “I liked how we all got a chance to speak and talk about our feelings and thoughts.”

“We provide a welcoming space within the school day that isn’t about learning or grades. The girls get a chance to think and talk through issues they are facing, without judgment.”

– Grandparent Circle Volunteer

“I feel listened to and like I can talk about anything without being judged as a little kid.”

– Grandparent Circle Student Participant



IMPACT BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

New Light

JPA's New Light program served 175 clients through individual and family therapy at our Lincoln Park office and within community-based satellites. In addition, New Light served 57 children through a new social-emotional learning group offered in partnership with New Life Community Center, one of JPA's satellite partners in West Humboldt Park—made possible by the generous support of Mesirow Financial.



Building the Field of Social Work

JPA remains dedicated to Building the Field of Social Work. In August, we welcomed our newest cohort of clinical social work interns—second-year master's-level students from Chicago State University, the University of Illinois Chicago, Erikson Institute, Loyola University Chicago, Northwestern University, and the University of Tennessee.



WeROCK

The 2024–2025 school year marked the first full year of JPA's We Reach Out to Chicago's Kids (WeROCK) program since its relaunch in May 2024. Throughout the year, 18 WeROCK events brought together 96 volunteers from 14 local organizations and companies, reaching 381 students in grades PreK–8 and building 75 boxes of supplies to support JPA's work across Chicago.



“I loved interacting with the kids and bringing them something exciting to brighten their school day. It was so special seeing the joy in their eyes.”

– WeROCK Volunteer

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Malcolm Kamin: 50+ Years of Service to JPA



For more than five decades, **Malcolm S. Kamin** has been a pillar of leadership, integrity, and steadfast commitment to the Juvenile Protective Association. Since joining the JPA Board of Directors in 1971, Malcolm has shaped the organization in lasting ways, most recently serving as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee where he continues to serve as the Finance Vice Chair. His service reflects not only remarkable longevity, but an enduring belief in JPA's mission and an unwavering dedication to the well-being of Chicago's youth.

A graduate of Yale, Malcolm earned his law degree at the University of Chicago. He has generously shared his legal acumen, negotiating skills, and deep network of relationships to advance JPA's long-term viability. Among his many contributions, he played a pivotal role in securing the land for JPA's permanent building—an achievement that continues to anchor and advance our work. Just as importantly, Malcolm has been a tireless advocate for strategic, values-driven investments, leading board approval to expand Spanish-speaking therapy services and championing living wage increases for JPA's clinical staff. These decisions reflect his deep understanding that strong organizations are built by investing in people.

Remarkably, Malcolm brings the same energy and conviction to JPA today as he did in the early years of his service. Together with his wife, Kay, they have demonstrated a profound commitment to building opportunities and support for Chicago's next generation, giving generously of their time, talent, and resources. We proudly salute Malcolm S. Kamin for his extraordinary service and look forward with gratitude to continuing to benefit from his wisdom, passion, and leadership in the years ahead.



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On The West Side, Grandmothers Are Helping Girls Navigate The Stresses Of Middle School



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JPA Chicago's WeROCK program helping build brighter futures for Chicago's youth

“We know that when teachers and young people have positive relationships, those are predictors of social, emotional, and even academic success.”

– Karen G. Foley, President & CEO, Juvenile Protective Association



EVENTS FOR IMPACT

From the golf course in September to Casino Night in February and our Spring Benefit in May, JPA's fundraising events raised more than \$605,000 to advance our mission of supporting the mental health and well-being of children, families, and educators across Chicago.



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2026 Events

Save the date for our 2026 events and help us celebrate 125 years of being "All in for Kids!"

Click for more info.

**SATURDAY,
FEB. 7**

Casino Night

Wildman BT

**FRIDAY,
MAY 8**

Spring Benefit

*Four Seasons
Chicago*

**MONDAY,
SEPT. 28**

Golf Outing

*Royal Melbourne
Country Club*



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– Teacher, Manierre
Elementary School

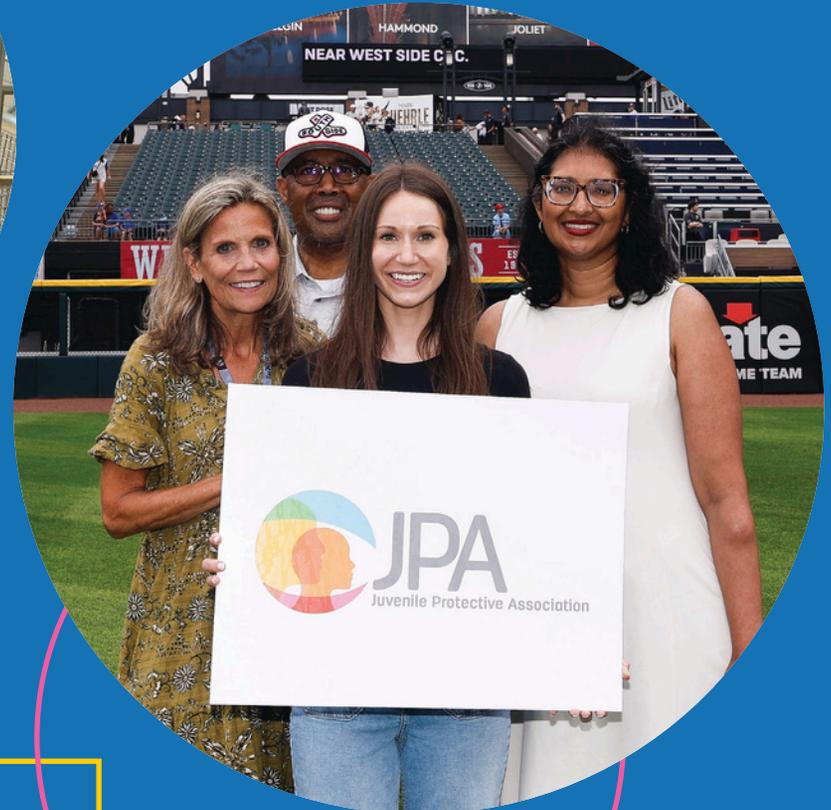




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