

Georgia Justice Project strengthens our community by demonstrating a better way to represent and support individuals in the criminal justice system and reduce barriers to reentry. GJP promotes innovative change through direct legal representation, policy advocacy, education and coalition building.

MISSION RESULTS



560

Criminal Records Clients

Assisted with record restriction, sealing, pardons, and record corrections

GJP participated in

3

Record Restriction Events

for different counties and helped over

400

attendees with their criminal records

Criminal Representation

90 clients represented

77%

of cases did not result in conviction



Social Services

513

clients served through family events

Total people served in GJP programs in FY2018

5,829



POLICY



Since 2012, GJP's advocacy has resulted in **19** new laws.

- Expanded access to record restriction for non-convictions
- Removed questions about criminal history on state employment applications ("ban the box")
- Allowed first offender records to be sealed

EDUCATION & TRAINING

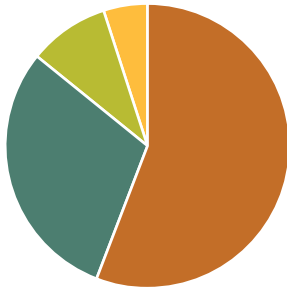


90 presentations to

4,666

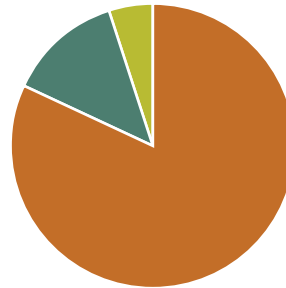
people across the state on Collateral Consequences of a Criminal Record

FY 2018 FINANCIALS



Revenue \$1.9M

- 56% Foundations
- 30% Individuals
- 9% Special Events
- 5% Other



Expenses \$1.3M

- 82% Programs
- 13% Fundraising
- 5% Management/Admin

VOLUNTEERS HELP OUR WORK THRIVE

9 Social Work & Legal Interns

62 Volunteers for Events & Projects

78 Volunteer Attorneys

\$352,650 Donated Professional Services

2018 has been a busy year for Georgia Justice Project (GJP). We continued our direct service offering *Holistic Criminal Defense*, *Social Service Support*, and *Criminal Records Legal Services*. Our *Outreach & Training* work has significantly expanded while our *Policy & Advocacy* efforts gained new ground.

Below are the highlights of GJP's expanding work:

- **Expungement Summits:** These events have reached over 2,000 people—cleaning up criminal records in one day, at no cost. GJP has been involved in 10 of these events through planning, coordinating, and implementation.
- **Metro Re-entry Facility:** GJP is coordinating a pilot program at a new and innovative Atlanta prison that is focused on equipping returning citizens with the skills and tools needed to successfully re-enter the Atlanta community.
- **Employer Gatherings:** GJP sponsored two events that included over 30 private employers. The events' focus was: *How do employers hire those with a criminal record? Are employers aware of the incentives and protections available? What policy changes do employers need to hire more people with a record?*
- **Governor's Criminal Justice Reform Council 2018 Report:** Based on GJP's recommendation, the Council supported expunging certain misdemeanor convictions. This represents a culmination of years of GJP's efforts which, when made law, will expand employment and housing opportunities for the formerly incarcerated who are now rehabilitated.



Doug Ammar, Executive Director

AWARDS

- Dream Forward Award for Social Justice**, The King Center – 2018
- Man of Empowerment and Distinction**, Urban League – 2018
- William B. Spann Jr. Award**, State Bar – 2016
- Elbert P. Tuttle Award**, Anti-Defamation League – 2011
- Neighborhood Builder Award**, Bank of America – 2010
- Families Count Award**, Annie E. Casey Foundation – 2006

PUBLICATIONS

- Northwest Georgia News**, "Breaking Down Barriers to Work" – September 2018
- Daily Report**, "DA Paul Howard Backs 'Second Chance' Legislation" – March 2018
- WALB**, "Georgia Justice Project Starts Conversation about Life after a Criminal Record" – February 2018
- 11 Alive**, "Arrested: No Conviction But Still Paying the Price" – January 2018
- Featured in movie**, "Released" by US Attorney's Office – June 2017
- New York Times**, "After a Crime, the Price of a Second Chance" – December 2016



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