



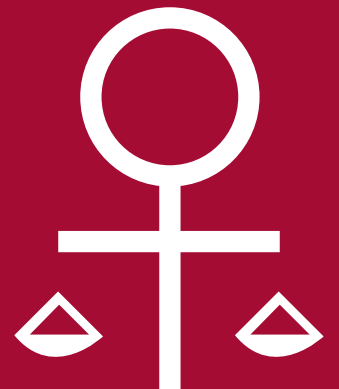
JANE'S DUE PROCESS

Ensuring legal representation for pregnant minors in Texas

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JANE'S DUE PROCESS, INC.

9 YEARS STRONG.



Jane's Due Process, Inc. enters its ninth year as a stronger, more vibrant organization than ever before. We continue to be the only organization ensuring legal representation for pregnant minors in Texas. Our goal is to have every pregnant teen know that she has the right to seek legal representation, to be treated with respect and sensitivity by those who work in the legal system and to participate in legal proceedings where everyone is interested in following the law. These young women are some of the most vulnerable in our society. Texas is better and safer for pregnant teenagers because our organization exists.

The core of the Jane's Due Process program remains our statewide 24-hour toll-free legal hotline and network attorney program. Since 2001, Jane's Due Process has remained steadfast in its commitment to young women seeking reproductive justice in Texas, guiding them through the obstacle course now known as the "judicial bypass." We have helped thousands of these young women make informed and safe choices about when and how to become a parent. Additionally, we provide legal information, representation and referrals for teens who wish to carry to term, for emancipation, for protective orders and for violations of pregnant teens' Title IX right to an equal education.

In 2008 we redesigned our website (www.janesdueprocess.org) to be more informative and user-friendly. We also added a Facebook account and sent out the first issue of our new email newsletter, Jane's Due Process Teen Rights Now.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT & ACTIVITIES



NEW OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Sherri Cothrun, a Houston lawyer who represents many Jane's Due Process clients in court, is the new board president. Sherri is a past president of the NARAL ProChoice Texas board of directors. Sherri is leading the board's efforts to institute a major donor campaign in 2009. A nonprofit organization will present a major donor training for all board members in March. The incoming president and executive director have reviewed the strategic plan for 2008 - 2010, evaluated the operating plan from 2008 and created an operating plan for 2009 that the board approved.

Board development remains vitally important to the future growth and stability of Jane's Due Process. The board added three new members in 2008. Deborah Ackerman is the retired vice president, general counsel of Southwest Airlines. Gerda Barker is a retired attorney. Sandra Rodriguez is a juvenile probation officer and teacher. Blake Rocap, legislative counsel for NARAL ProChoice Texas, and Lori Dunlap, a board member of several charitable organizations in San Antonio, joined the board in 2009.

NATIONAL JUDICIAL BYPASS CONFERENCE

In December, founding and legal advisory board members Susan Hays and Rita Lucido and executive director Shelia Cheaney attended the National Partnership for Women & Families bypass conference in Washington, DC. Thirty four states now have parental involvement laws with a judicial bypass option for minors seeking to terminate a pregnancy. Shelia helped spearhead and organize the conference. Susan and Rita spoke on a panel about judicial bypass in Texas. Jane's Due Process received a letter after the conference thanking us for our assistance and praising Jane's Due Process as the model that all similar organizations in bypass states should emulate.

RESTRICTED GRANT SUPPORT & TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

Dating violence increases a teen's likelihood of getting pregnant and being pregnant is associated with a higher risk of assault. Dating violence is also associated with a higher rate of sexually transmitted infections. Recent studies have documented that reproductive control is used by teenage abusers as a tactic to maintain the power and control imbalance in their relationships. This means that refusing to wear a condom and sabotaging birth control are forms of abuse.

In 2008, Jane's Due Process took steps to address this disturbing and under-appreciated connection between teen dating violence and teen pregnancy. We established a new policy to have our network attorneys screen all Jane's Due Process clients for dating violence. We entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Texas Advocacy Project, a leading provider of free legal services to domestic violence survivors, which will allow us to refer client victims of dating violence for legal help that our network attorneys might not be equipped to provide.

Our ability to tackle the dating violence problem directly reflects the success of Jane's Due Process's restricted grantwriting efforts in 2008. We were awarded several restricted grants for specific projects that bridge the gap between legal responses to teen pregnancy itself and legal responses to issues that are closely associated with teen pregnancy, such as dating violence and access to contraception.

- A fellowship from the University of Texas School of Law allowed us to update our attorney training manual to include information on teen dating violence and protective orders.
- A grant from the Texas Bar Foundation is funding a series of CLE seminars that will educate our network attorneys about the link between teen dating violence and teen pregnancy.
- A grant from the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Foundation (DAYL) let us create a brochure for professionals outside the legal field who work with pregnant and sexually active teens. This brochure explains Texas teens' basic legal rights and answers some of the questions that these professionals most frequently ask us. DAYL also funded new pocket cards in English and Spanish on Texas teens' right to contraception, and the re-printing of our pocket cards on judicial bypass and teen dating violence.
- A grant from the Alice Kleberg Reynolds Foundation will help fund our outreach and education efforts in certain counties on the border. We continue to seek restricted funding from other sources to continue our work in the border region.

UNRESTRICTED DONORS & NEW STAFF

Along with individual contributions, support from the Jacob and Terese Hershey Foundation, the Harris and Eliza Kempner Fund, the Mithoff Family Charitable Foundation, the Alice Kleberg Reynolds Foundation and the Smothers Foundation has helped us continue to employ part-time hotline coordinator Tina Hester and new part-time staff Danielle Garrett, a student at the LBJ School of Public Affairs and Lucy Dunlap, an undergraduate at the University of Texas. Individual contributions and unrestricted grants also help pay for our basic operating expenses, our network attorney program and our statewide toll-free legal hotline.

New Jane's Due Process staff attorney Sarah Drescher graduated with honors from Swarthmore college in 2003 and with honors from the University of Texas School of Law in 2008. She started work at Jane's Due Process funded by a UT Law School Fellowship for recent graduates pursuing public interest work. Presently, her work at Jane's Due Process focuses on teen dating violence and is funded by a grant from the Texas Bar Foundation.

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JDP PROGRAM OUTCOMES	2007	2008
Minor referred to JDP network referral program	121	183
Minor referred to clinic-recruited or court appointed attorney	38	38
Minor referred for assisted pro se by executive director	3	
Minor referred to explore pregnancy options – outcome unknown	123	213
Minor indicated intent to seek consent from a parent	16	19
Minor indicated intent to seek abortion outside of state	0	2
Minor indicated intent to seek abortion after 18th birthday	9	5
Minor indicated intent to continue pregnancy after discussing abortion option through hotline screening	4	4
Minor had miscarriage before participating in judicial bypass process	2	5
TOTAL MINORS SCREENED FOR SERVICES	316	469

About Jane Doe:

Of callers to the Jane's Due Process legal hotline in 2008:

- 18% were already mothers supporting at least one child.
- 22% reported physical or emotional abuse by a parent or guardian.
- 25% were orphans, had parents stuck outside the country or reported being unable to contact either parent.
- 27% reported being kicked out or the threat of being kicked out of the home or disowned for being pregnant.
- 60% were 17 years old, 5% of whom were within 2 months of their 18th birthday.
- 38% were 15 or 16 years old.
- 1% were younger than 15.
- 36% were Latino.
- 30% were of African or Caribbean descent.
- 22% were Anglo.
- 12% were of other, mixed or unknown descent.

Among callers who were not on birth control, the top two reasons were that the minor just kept putting it off and that she thought parental consent was required.

Among callers who reported condom non-use, 72% reported that their partner actively refused or chose not to wear a condom.

Please visit the Jane's Due Process website to learn more, donate or sign up for our newsletter.

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