# **2021 IMPACT REPORT**

The Network has harnessed relationships with national philanthropists and the federal government that might not otherwise be available to us, focusing attention, funding and opportunities for distributing ideas locally and across the network.

Jerry Rubin, CEO, JVS Boston

The thought leadership opportunities to showcase our organization on a national stage have led to increased credibility and sought-after expertise.

### **Advocacy**

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Advocating for legislation and human service policy reform in the United States and Canada.

- Developed a targeted Community Pandemic Response and Recovery Policy Agenda focusing on food insecurity; health and mental health; and workforce and employment.
- Secured expansions of key poverty-fighting programs in the American Rescue Plan: Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit.
- Advocated for Inclusion of audio-only coverage from Medicare/ Medicaid for tele-mental health services.

## 🔆 Innovation

Leveraging the strength and resources of over **150** member agencies, the Network provides timely and responsive solutions to challenges.

- Employment Services for Persons with Disabilities: landscape analysis completed and best practice program models identified in collaboration with the Corporation for a Skilled Workforce and Respectability.
- Youth & Adolescent Mental Health: facilitating integration and collaboration between clinical providers and Jewish education and engagement organizations with Jewish Federations of North America Teen Funder Collaborative.
- Year **2** Jewish Poverty Challenge: **14** member agencies received consultation and coaching.







Marla Kaufman, Executive Director, JAAN

#### **Best Practices**

Promoting and sharing Best Practices through Affinity Groups, Conferences, Learning Cohorts, webinars, newsletters, social media, and an interactive virtual Resource Library.

• Connecting members through **26** Affinity Groups.

• **5,137** professionals and lay leadership attended a total of **162** affinity group meetings.

• **1,800** human service professionals and volunteers attended **2021** conference in partnership with Neshama: Association of Jewish Chaplains.

#### **Partnerships**

Securing opportunities for funding, training, consulting, and planning to build capacity and impact for member agencies through strategic and meaningful partnerships.

• Awarded **\$860,023** in capital grants to support **17** member agency food insecurity programs.

• 21 member agencies received expert coaching to advance technology projects.

• **11** member agencies received funding to bring the Uniper interactive platform to at-risk older adults and Holocaust Survivors.

#### **Continued Partner Saving Opportunities**

Network sponsored Health Insurance, Purchasing Point Group Buying Discounts, Sterling's Background Screening for Volunteers, Galaxy Digital's Volunteer Management Software, and Greenspace Mental Health technology platform.

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