



2022-2023 IMPACT REPORT

Over the past two years, the New Jersey Abortion Access Fund (NJAAF) has continued our commitment to ensuring equitable access to safe and affordable abortion care for all patients at New Jersey providers, New Jersey residents traveling out of state, and other state-to-state patients. Despite the ongoing challenges to access through state policies and legal battles, the state of New Jersey and organizations within worked tirelessly to protect and expand access to abortion care, prioritizing the health, bodily autonomy and well-being of individuals seeking these services, and promoting reproductive justice for all.

Key Achievements

Fundraising

Fundraising is the muscle of NJAAF's operation. Fundraising is how we ensure that those who are facing financial barriers can still access abortion care, covering the steadily increasing procedure costs. With the heightened financial burdens and increased demand for assistance, supporting abortion funds is a critical means of upholding reproductive rights and equity in healthcare access.

Over the past year, we held fundraisers, like our annual Fund-a-Thon event and an Artisan Market, that not only centered the vibrant community we represent, but brought in a new wave of donors who care passionately about increasing access to abortion care. Without the support and generosity of all of our donors, our work is not possible. **As an all-volunteer organization with minimal overhead, all funds we raised go toward the cost of abortion care.**

The New Jersey Abortion Access Fund is a volunteer-run, 501(c)3 organization.

Organizational Restructuring

In preparation for the Dobbs decision, NJAAF recognized the important work of strategic planning. A focus on organizational health was essential for Reproductive Justice organizations to ensure resilience and agility in response to changing legal and access landscapes. This preparation enabled organizations to focus on holistic approaches to abortion access while addressing intersecting inequities that impact access to overall reproductive healthcare.

NJAAF undertook restructuring to **sustain and increase our capacity to financially support patients from and traveling to New Jersey, and expand our reach and visibility into communities which experience disproportionate challenges to care.** With the addition of three new board members in 2022 and five new board members in 2023, we became a more **intergenerational, multifaceted, racially diverse and gender-expansive group** which allowed us to connect with different communities and stakeholders, and scale our capacity to address challenges as they come. We also connected with a pro-bono legal team to help us navigate any legal repercussions, provide guidance as we updated our bylaws and onboarded new systems, and help us create processes and procedures to continue this work and deepen our impact.

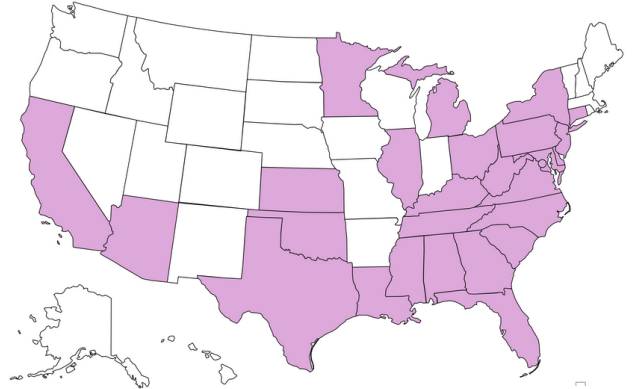
Drag Bingo Fund-a-thon Event (left)

Abortion, Spice & Everything Nice
Artisan Market Fundraiser (right)





Our 2023 patients were residents of 26 states and DC, plus 3 countries outside the US, receiving care in the Northeast.



Most were served by independent clinics in NJ, NY, MD, and DC.

Strengthening Clinic Resources

NJAAF has historically worked through block grants with a few New Jersey clinics to support their patients. Following the Dobbs decision, as we anticipated an increase in patients coming to New Jersey, we worked to expand the relationships with those clinics to help us understand the needs of patients across the state. These relationships bring us closer to communities who face increased barriers, which allows us to continue to track the costs of abortion care in a post-Dobbs world, and supports the variety of reproductive health options.

In addition to continuing and increasing our support for the four New Jersey-based clinics, we also began funding five virtual providers. Increased awareness of medication abortion has empowered individuals to make more informed and earlier decisions about their reproductive health, leading to greater demand for this method, hopefully decreasing cases where patients have to travel for care and accrue more costs. **Supporting the emerging wave of telehealth care through new block grants and increasing the amounts in our existing block grants by 242% allowed us to deepen our impact in New Jersey's abortion landscape.**

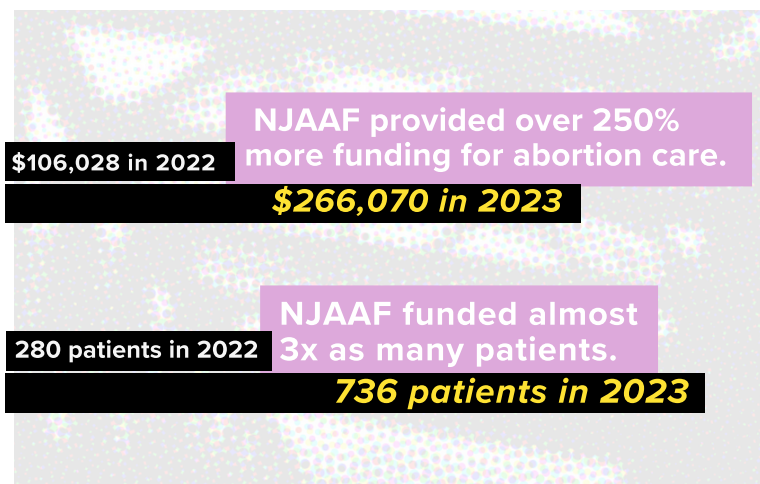
Community Building

NJAAF is a member of the THRIVE coalition, which is a collective of reproductive health, rights, and justice organizations that advance legislative efforts to strengthen and safeguard abortion access in New Jersey. Our participation in this coalition allows us to stay connected to the broader Reproductive Justice movement and base-build in New Jersey. In addition to this, **we've engaged in community building through emergency contraception distribution to community centers, doulas, birth workers and other individuals who are dedicated to resource sharing and community connection.**

Solidarity Funding

Abortion bans and restrictions across the country have forced individuals to travel long distances to access reproductive healthcare services, particularly in states where abortion remains legal, like New Jersey and throughout the Northeast.

We know these bans disproportionately affect marginalized communities, who may face additional barriers such as financial constraints, lack of transportation, and child care needs. As a result, the burden of seeking abortion care falls heavily on those patients, with their local abortion funds carrying the weight of supporting their journeys to care. In response to this need, **NJAAF participates in Solidarity Funding through an email-based on-call system where we allot a weekly budget of \$3,000 to distribute to out-of-state care requests for traveling patients. This is a 900% weekly increase from what we were able to fund prior to 2022.**



Looking Ahead

As we move forward, the New Jersey Abortion Access Fund remains committed to advancing reproductive justice, increasing abortion access, and ensuring equitable community care for all individuals in New Jersey.