



**Network of Jewish Human
Service Agencies**

IMPACT REPORT

2025-2026



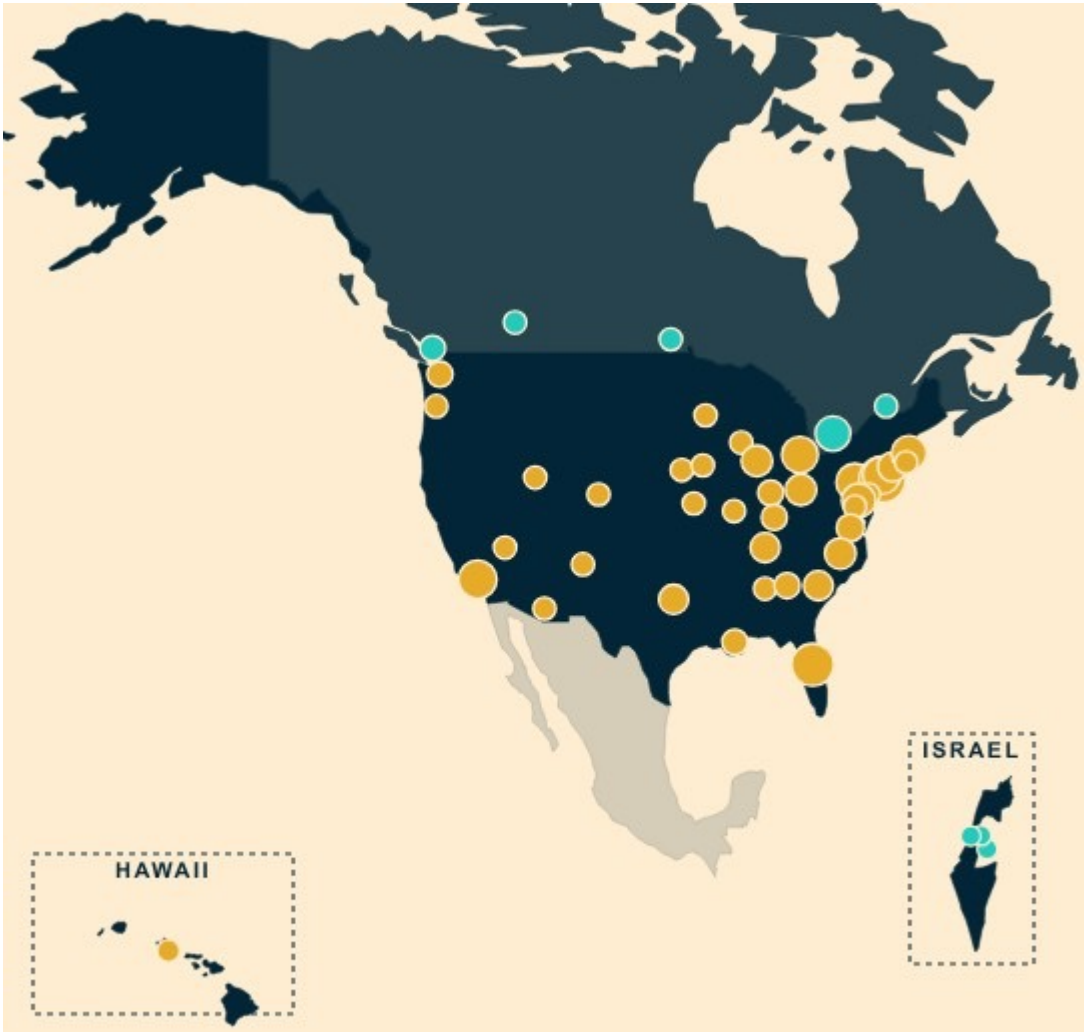
Strengthening the Jewish Human Service Sector



Our Reach

A global network.

Members across the United States, Canada, and Israel



Every point is a Network member community we serve.

United States

126

Member Agencies

US National Orgs

11

Member Agencies

Canada

20

Member Agencies

Israel

3

Member Agencies

16 Affiliate Members

Claims Conference · Jewish Women International · The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation · Foundation for Jewish Camp · Shomer Collective · Sharsheret · KAVOD · Keshet · Kavod v'Nichum · Matan · Sacred Spaces · Repair the World · Avodah · TEN: Together Ending Need · Jewish Grandparents Network · Geshar Community Care

Total Network Reach

176

Members serving
2M+ people each year

The only membership association in North America dedicated to the Jewish human service sector.



Letter From Our Leadership

A year of rapid growth, innovation, and unwavering commitment.

To Our Community

This was the year The Network grew stronger, more connected, and more essential than ever before.

We are pleased to present the 2025-2026 Impact Report for the Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies (The Network). This year has been one of rapid growth, innovation, and unwavering commitment to our mission “to strengthen the capacity of member agencies and amplify the impact of the Jewish human service sector.” Our efforts support our 176+ member organizations that are serving over two million individuals of all ages in communities across the United States, Canada, and Israel.

During this difficult year, as Network member agencies experienced many challenges due to government actions eroding the social service safety net and fundamental human rights, the importance of The Network was evident. As organizations navigated federal government funding cuts impacting clients and operations, The Network brought agencies together in its expanded advocacy efforts in both the U.S. and in Canada and helped them address the impact of government actions on client services.

In addition, The Network continued to strengthen member agencies through direct grants, professional development and educational opportunities, sharing best practices, online and in-person networking events, partnerships, and collaborations, enabling agencies to best serve their communities.

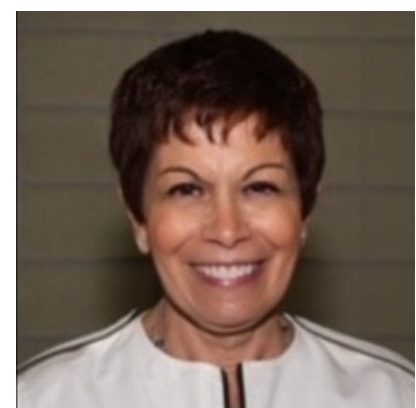
In our Impact Report, we are pleased to share the work that we are doing to support agencies in delivering high quality and high impact services, grounded in values that inform their identities as Jewish human service providers. The Report also details the Network's expanded advocacy efforts to preserve social safety net services.

In the year ahead, in the light of continuing threats and government actions eroding the social service safety net and human rights, The Network will increase its advocacy efforts while strongly supporting Jewish human service professionals as they respond to ongoing community needs and the growing demand for services. The Network's 2026 Campaign will be focused on bolstering The Network's advocacy work and member agency capacity building.

None of our work and achievement would be possible without the generous support of our donors and Board of Directors, the dedication of our member agencies, and the leadership of our staff and volunteers. Together, we are building a better world. Thank you for your continued partnership and active support.



President & CEO
Reuben D. Rotman



Immediate Past Chair
Sandy Muskovitz Danto

With deep appreciation,
The Network Leadership

Amplifying Our
Impact Together.

Impact At A Glance

2025 – 2026 Headline Numbers



176

Member Agencies

2M+

Individuals Served by Members

\$1.5M

Direct Grants To Members

550+

PowerNET 2026 Attendees

84%

Member Satisfaction

1,235

Placed in Employment Through
Project EM

20

New Members & Affiliates

100+

Capitol Hill Offices Visited – D.C. Fly-In



Section

01

Thought Leadership & Advocacy.

Speaking up for the sector



Advocacy

Standing Together for Those in Need.

By collaborating with government officials, policymakers, national human service associations, and community partners, **The Network advances advocacy and policy efforts to strengthen and protect those most in need.** We address systemic issues such as food insecurity while also responding to emerging threats and funding cuts — from executive orders, legislation, and policy changes that jeopardize the social service safety net and fundamental human rights.



The Multiplier Effect

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We unite voices for equity, justice & well-being for all.



Together, our voices carry farther.

— The Advocacy Timeline — From the Hill to State Capitols

2025
MAR

2025
JUN

2026
MAY

2026
JUN

Washington, D.C. Annual Advocacy Fly-In

55 leaders from 27 agencies in 17 states advocated for Medicaid, SNAP, SSI & Telehealth

Washington, D.C. Interfaith Emergency Fly-In

A rapid, cross-faith Fly-In with Lutheran Services, Catholic Charities, MAZON & NCJW

Jewish California Capitol Summit

President & CEO, Reuben Rotman served as a keynote speaker on behalf of the human service sector agenda at their annual advocacy day with over 700 attendees.

Washington, DC. Annual Advocacy Fly-In

Discussed Medicaid & SNAP cuts, Dept. of Education behavioral rule changes & SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act with 100+ Hill offices visited.

103
Hill Offices Visited

45
Leaders · 14 States



40
Leaders · 17 States

— Tools & Coalitions — The Infrastructure Behind Every Event

Equipped Every Agency

Advocacy toolkits + National Story Bank.

Talking points and templates on SNAP, Medicaid & federal policy threats — plus a story bank to surface the human impact.



Coalition Partners

National & interfaith coalition groups across human services

Together, our voices carry farther.



Your agenda, in the headlines.

77

Total Media Placements
Global, national, Jewish & trade media.

63

Earned Media Mentions
Network leadership recognized.

14

Op-Eds & Commentaries
Network voice, in print.

Featured Media Coverage



Thought Leadership



Reuben Rotman's Behavioral Health Workforce [DOE op-ed debuted in DC Journal](#) and was republished in five additional publications, extending The Network's advocacy to audiences nationwide.

Issues We Elevated

Behavioral Health Workforce Needs • Human Services Budget Cuts • Jewish Communal Security • Medicaid & SNAP Changes • Refugee Resettlement • Sector Philanthropic Funding

Throughout the year, The Network helped elevate the policy and community issues most affecting member agencies, ensuring their expertise informed public conversations and decision-makers.

REAL STORIES,
REAL IMPACT



“Behind every advocacy effort is a family waiting for stability, a Network member working to keep its doors open, and a community counting on both.”

Abdallah's Story.

After waiting four years to escape Afghanistan, Abdallah, his wife, and their seven children finally arrived safely in Massachusetts in December 2025. Like every newly arrived refugee family, they expected the next chapter to begin with permanent housing, healthcare, school enrollment, employment support, and the opportunity to rebuild their lives.

Instead, just 30 minutes before JFS of Western Massachusetts was scheduled to submit payment for their permanent apartment, a federal work-stop order froze refugee resettlement funding. **Everything changed.**

Arrival

A four-year journey to safety.

Abdallah served as a translator for the U.S. military in Afghanistan. After the fall of Kabul, his family spent four years navigating refugee resettlement before arriving in Boston with his wife and seven children.

JFS of Western Massachusetts welcomed the family, placed them in temporary housing, and searched for a permanent home large enough for all nine. After weeks of searching, they found the right apartment.

The Freeze

One decision changed everything.

A federal work-stop order halted the refugee resettlement program just as the family was preparing to move in.

Services critical during the first **90 days** — housing, school enrollment, healthcare, employment support, intensive case management — were placed in jeopardy. Delays don't just postpone services. They postpone stability and the chance to begin again. In this case, JFS ensured Abdallah's family's needs were met.

The Ripple

One agency. One whole community.

JFS was left carrying more than **\$900,000** in outstanding federal reimbursements for services already delivered.

That financial strain affected programs across the agency — straining services for older adults, individuals in behavioral health crises, and families facing food insecurity.

When one funding stream stops, an entire community feels it.

The Network's Role

JFS has not faced this alone.

The Network brings agencies together, amplifies their stories, coordinates advocacy, and works with national partners and policymakers to protect the services communities depend on.



Section

02

Capacity Building .

Empowering Agencies To Better
Serve Their Communities



Strengthening Member Agencies.

Capacity. Education. Connection.

Every day, Network member agencies tackle some of their communities' most complex challenges—from strengthening families and supporting older adults to responding to crises, welcoming refugees, advancing mental health, and creating pathways to employment.

The Network helps make that work possible by building the capacity behind it: convening leaders, developing innovative programs, securing critical funding, providing education and peer learning, and advocating for the resources member agencies need to thrive and to serve their communities .

Investment

\$1.5M+

in direct grants flowed to 74 member agencies — funds helping communities where members serve.

Convening & Learning

173

NETGroup Meetings

Peer learning across The Network.

22

NETTalks

Timely conversations on what matters most.

6

NETLabs

Hands-on labs that spark innovation.

20

BeWell Local Resiliency Roundtables

Addressing Jewish youth and young adult mental health.

In 2025: 4,885 registrations from 1,674 unique professionals & lay leaders.

What's New in 2025–26

Four new programs took shape — each a direct answer to a need members raised.

Introduced

The Academy for Education & Advancement

Convened

“Business of Doing Good” Symposium

Released

Emergency Preparedness Toolkit

Launched

The Innovation Exchange



PowerNET. ExecNET.

More Than A Conference

PowerNET is The Network's premier annual gathering for Jewish human service professionals; ExecNET provides a dedicated leadership forum for CEOs and senior executives. Together, they strengthen leadership, foster collaboration, and advance innovation across the field.

In 2026, PowerNET reached new milestones with its first conference outside the United States in Toronto and welcomed The Azrieli Foundation as its inaugural Title Sponsor.



By The Numbers

550+

PowerNET Attendees

Professionals, lay leaders
& funders.

186

Orgs Represented

Member agencies &
affiliated organizations.

144

ExecNET Attendees

Annual C-Suite
gathering.

47

Funders' Forum
Attendees

Funders invested in the
human service sector.

Three PowerNET 2026 Firsts

First International

Toronto 🇨🇦

Largest Host Committee

5 Host Agencies

Largest to Date

A Record Year



Section

03

Innovation.

Sharing what works

Education

The Academy

The Network's one-stop shop for human service professional development.

Learn. Lead. Connect.



The Academy for Advancement & Education

A centralized hub of CEU-eligible courses, expert-led trainings, and on-demand learning — designed to sharpen skills, advance careers, and amplify agency impact. In 2026, The Academy was enhanced with even more learning opportunities and a brand-new user interface.

By The Numbers

5,587

Academy visitors in 2025–26

Professionals across The Network and beyond sharpening skills, earning credits, and building careers through The Academy.

Powered by Academy Partners





The Innovation Exchange.

In 2025, The Network launched an opportunity for member agencies to showcase, share, and help replicate their best and most innovative practices.

The Innovation Exchange highlights work that demonstrates both creativity and measurable results and can be replicated by other members.

2025-2026 Featured Innovations



Beyond the Waitlist

JFS Vancouver

JFS Vancouver transformed mental health access by combining AI-powered client triage with an innovative intern counseling model, reducing wait times while expanding care and building the future workforce.



Living Our Values

JFCS Minnesota

JFCS Minnesota's Living Our Values campaign elevates authentic employee stories to showcase its mission, strengthen workplace culture, and bring organizational values to life.



Stronger Together

Gulf Coast JFCS

GCJFCS' Stronger Together initiative empowers staff to shape workplace culture through innovative programs that strengthen engagement, belonging, retention, and professional growth.



SHEF Connections

KAVOD SHEF

KAVOD SHEF Connections pairs professionals across 43 agencies to strengthen leadership, collaboration, and peer learning through structured mentoring and shared best practices.



Abby's Impact

JFS Colorado

Jewish Family Service of Colorado's Abby's Impact equips participants with practical resilience, mindfulness, and self-compassion skills to strengthen well-being, relationships, and emotional health.



Cummings to Community

Cummings Centre · Montreal

Cummings to Community brings therapeutic wellness, arts, and engagement programs directly to older adults, expanding access through innovative community partnerships and scalable service delivery.





Reimagining Dementia Care

The Hogeweyk Professional Study Visit • Amsterdam • October 27–31, 2025



11 Member agency professionals & The Network's Tricia Stern on site at The Hogeweyk

The Trip

Thanks to the generous support of the Textus Mentis Foundation (formerly Crown Oak Foundation), 11 Network and member agency professionals attended the Foundation's seminar, *"Improving Quality of Life for People Living with Dementia,"* at The Hogeweyk near Amsterdam.

The Model

The Hogeweyk model is built on deinstitutionalization of care, reduction of isolation, and the need to normalize life for people with dementia — including them in society with dignity and autonomy.

What's Next

Participants returned inspired to adapt the model to their own communities — sparking follow-up trainings and consultations across The Network.

In Partnership With



**Textus Mentis
Foundation**

*Founding Sponsor of
the Hogeweyk
Professional Study
Visit.*

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A truly inspiring experience and fun trip. I so enjoyed meeting everyone and look forward to continuing the important conversations about what we can do going forward.

— Participant DC

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Already sharing my learnings and excited to incrementally change our care model. Thanks to the Hogeweyk team and Crown Oak Foundation for a meaningful seminar.

— Participant AG



Section

04

Spotlight Program.

One program. Five years. Innovative
workforce support.



Project EM.

5

Years of
Impact

Empowering and Employing Our Community



Born from crisis — built to last

Started in response to COVID unemployment, Project EM is now in its sixth year — a national best-practice workforce development partnership bringing **18 Jewish human service agencies** together to leverage their knowledge, skills and connections for job seekers.

Whom We Serve

 Low-income & underserved job seekers

Regardless of educational level or background — addressing barriers to meaningful employment.

What We Offer

 Holistic workforce & career services

Online courses, workshops, individual career counseling & direct employer connections — plus vouchers for transportation and clothing.

A Continuum of Care

Holistic workforce & social services that move people from intake to lasting careers.



A full year of measurable impact.

 Job Seekers

11,113

Served Through Project EM



Workshops Held

572

Skills, resume & interview training



Workshop Satisfaction

99%

Found workshops beneficial



Net Promoter

97%

Would recommend Project EM

 Workshop Attendees

7,074

Job seekers learned new skills with Project EM

 Individual Career Coaching

4,039

Clients matched with a career counselor

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Every number above represents a person whose life and family were transformed by Project EM.

— Real jobs · Real wages · Real economic mobility.



Behind every number is a life Project EM helped rebuild.



Watch · Real voices from Project EM Silver Fox Program

In Their Own Words

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Working with Project EM was instrumental in not only getting me job ready for a career transition — it helped to put me on a career path to succeed. My career counselor placed me in an organization that was aligned with my values as a worker.

Project EM Client · JFS Colorado

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The Project EM services were a miracle for me. They improved my resume, networking, LinkedIn & interview skills, and supported me as a person with grocery gift cards during the toughest time of my unemployment. Their service is life changing.

Project EM Client · JFCS Pittsburgh

1,235

Careers Launched in 2025

\$51.83

Returned Per \$1 Invested

\$68M

Wages Earned by Clients

Project EM is supported by generous funding from



With Gratitude



Our 2025–26 Funders.

The leadership investors whose multi-year commitments turn The Network's vision into action — for the sector, the communities we serve, and the next generation of Jewish human services professionals.



& Also Powered By

65

Conference Sponsors

Corporate & foundation sponsors who powered the flagship convening in Toronto.

53

Strategic Supporters

Organizations sustaining our work year-round.

16

Jewish Federations

Local Federation supporters of The Network

Every Contribution, At Every Level, Made This Year Possible.



Looking Forward

The Year Ahead.

Shaping The Next Chapter Together.



Milestones on the Horizon

Four milestones that will shape the next chapter of The Network.

Summer 2026

Fall 2026

Winter 2026

May 2027

Triennial Portrait of The Network Publication

Updated landscape data on our 176+ member agencies.

New Strategic Plan Development

Determining The Network’s priorities for the next three years.

2027–2029 Strategic Plan Launch

A three-year roadmap for advocacy, capacity & growth.

10 Years of The Network!

Marking a decade of strengthening the Jewish human service sector.

The only membership association in North America dedicated to the Jewish human service sector.



THANK YOU.

For your generous support, partnership, and
belief in the Jewish human service sector.



Amplifying

Our

Impact

Together