



FLORIDA JUSTICE CENTER

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
IMPACT REPORT  
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# Florida Justice Center

## About Florida Justice Center

As Florida's only nonprofit legal aid organization focused on helping people who have criminal legal system involvement, Florida Justice Center (FLJC) serves a unique purpose. Our mission is to empower individuals by providing legal support, community education, and removing barriers to success caused by the criminal justice system. We achieve this by combining our in-house legal services with community partnerships to uplift individuals, address their quality-of-life needs, build safer neighborhoods, and reduce recidivism.

Our organization serves all low-income people, while providing day-to-day services to people with barriers caused by an arrest. At community legal clinics, which are held throughout the year, our partners come in to provide additional services. Florida Justice Center currently provides legal assistance in the following areas:

- Clemency
- Driver license reinstatement
- FDLE DNA database removal
- Firearm rights restoration
- Internet mugshot removal
- Probation – Early Termination
- Probation – Modification
- Probation – Travel Permits
- Sealing and expungement
- Voting rights restoration

## Our Work in Miami-Dade County

### Executive Summary

Florida Justice Center works hard to ensure Miami-Dade County residents have access to resources that empower them to succeed after an arrest or period of incarceration. In just one year, FLJC has established itself as a major legal services provider and reentry voice in Miami-Dade County. Having hosted two community Second Chance Events (Allapattah and Opa-Locka), participated in events hosted by the Department of Corrections and Wayne Rawlins, sitting on panels at Florida International University and Miami Dade College, having met with people at Everglades CI and South Florida Reception Center, giving out toys to children in Miami with an incarcerated parent while dressed as Santa Claus, and being a founding member of the Umbrella of Hope Reentry Coalition, our commitment to Miami-Dade residents is unquestionable. In 2022 alone we have helped over 1,126 individuals in Miami-Dade County with over 1,588 unique legal and social service needs. With 90.9% of our clients self-identifying as BIPOC and a median income of just \$13,800 (compared to \$31,813 in Miami-Dade as a whole), we are effectively reaching those most in need and those disproportionately affected by the criminal justice system. We look forward to 2023, as we explore partnerships to create a stronger continuum-of-care for returning citizens, introduce new services, and build a larger physical footprint in Miami-Dade County. -Dade County.



# Impact Report

## Miami-Dade County Client Profile vs. Population

<u>Gender</u>	<u>FLJC</u>	<u>MDC</u>	<u>Racial Identity</u>	<u>FLJC</u>	<u>MDC</u>
Female	48.2%	51.1%	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.9%	1.6%
Male	51.8%	48.9%	Black/African American	62.8%	17.4%
			Hispanic/Latinx	26%	69.1%
			Multi-Racial	0.6%	1.3%
			Native American	0.6%	0.4%
			White	9.1%	13.6%
<u>Annual Income</u>			<u>Dependents</u>		
Mean	\$15,037	\$31,813	Mean	2.32	2.83
Median	\$13,800	-----			
<u>Age</u>			<u>Total Clients</u>		
Mean	40.3	-----		<b>1126</b>	-----
Median	38.1	41.1			
Range	18-94	-----			

## Services Provided to Residents of Miami-Dade

<u>Matter Type</u>	<u>Clients</u>	<u>Matter Type</u>	<u>Clients</u>
Child Custody	16	Identification	5
Child Support	33	Immigration	42
Clemency	64	Landlord/Tenant and Eviction	49
College Enrollment	8	Medical Care	57
Criminal Defense	43	Mental Health Care	16
DNA Database Removal	2	Mugshot Removal	5
Divorce	5	Post-Conviction Relief	15
Driver License Reinstatement	210	Probate/Estate Planning	9
Employment Assistance	49	Probation	48
Fines and Fees	59	Sealing and Expungement	561
Firearm Rights	49	Voting Rights Restoration	63
Government Benefits	45	Warrant	10
Housing Assistance	125	<b>Total Services Provided</b>	<b>1588</b>

## How Miami-Dade Residents Found Our Services

Banner	26	Google	165
Email	20	Instagram	6
Facebook	208	LinkedIn	2
Family or Friend	170	Partner Organization Referral	67
Flyer	50	Other	69



# Our Miami-Dade Community Partners

- 300 Letters
- ACLU of Greater Miami
- Agape Network
- Alliance for Aging
- Beyond the Bars
- Black Police Precinct and Courthouse Museum
- Care Resource
- CareerSource
- Catholic Charities
- Dade Legal Aid
- Democracy for All
- Ellie Mental Health
- Empowerment Zone Reentry Initiative
- Florida Blue
- Florida Department of Corrections
- Florida International University
- Florida Rights Restoration Coalition
- Fruits of Charity
- Gang Alternative
- Greater Miami Service Corps
- Greenspoon Marder
- Health Council of South Florida
- LEAP
- Legal Services of Greater Miami
- Miami Dade College
- Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Division
- Midway Speciality Care Center
- New Horizons
- OIC of South Florida
- Opa-Locka Community Development Corporation
- Re-Entry One
- The Salvation Army
- SMASH
- Transition, Inc.
- TransSOCIAL
- Umbrella of Hope Reentry Coalition
- University of Miami
- The Veterans Consortium

# Event Flyers

## FREE OPA-LOCKA COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINIC & SECOND CHANCE EVENT

### FREE HELP WITH

- Arrest Record Sealing
- Driver License
- Immigration
- Prison Reentry
- Affordable Housing
- Family Law
- Probation
- Warrants
- Clemency

Saturday, May 21 @ 10a - 4p  
The ARC (Arts & Rec Center)  
675 Ali Baba Ave, Opa-Locka

### Info & Pre-Register @ [FLJC.org/OPA](http://FLJC.org/OPA)

Flyer for Opa-Locka Second Chance Event – May 21, 2022

Flyer for Allapattah Second Chance Event – December 3, 2022

## FREE SECOND CHANCE EVENT

ALLAPATTAH NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Register Now!

### FREE LEGAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

This event will provide FREE assistance with:

- Arrest Record Sealing
- Driver License
- Employment
- Government Benefits
- Housing
- Immigration
- Medical & Mental Health
- Prison Reentry
- Probation
- Veteran Services
- Voting Rights

Partner Organizations:

Saturday, December 3, 2022  
10:00AM - 4:00PM

1897 NW 20th St.  
Miami, FL 33142

More info and registration at [www.FLJC.org/Miami](http://www.FLJC.org/Miami)

# Opa-Locka Second Chance Event

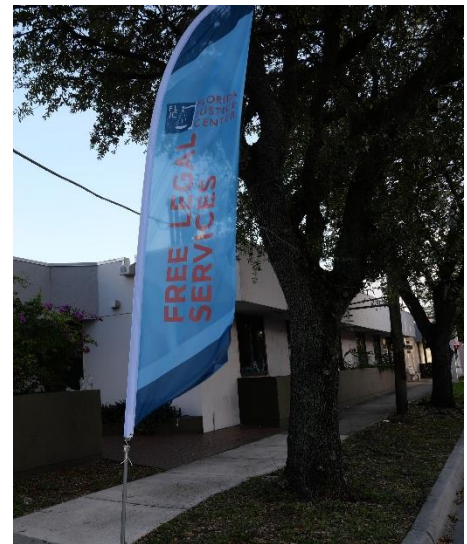
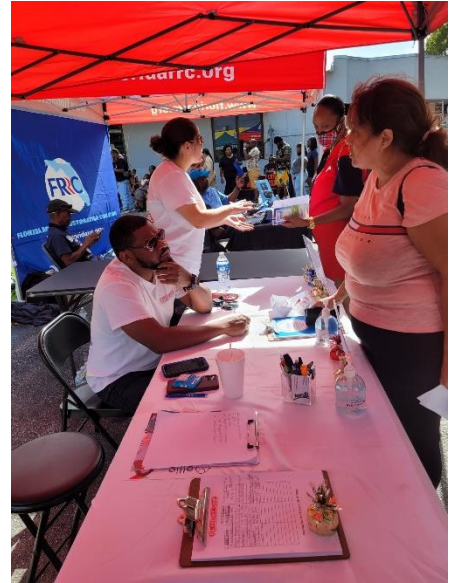


*Florida Justice Center staff and volunteers meet with clients at the Opa-Locka Community Development Corporation to assist them with legal needs*



*Client speaks with a remote attorney for assistance with an eviction.*

# Allapattah Second Chance Event



# Overtown Voting Rights Event

**FREE OVERTOWN VOTER REGISTRATION & EDUCATION CLINIC**

**Williams Park**  
 Thursday, June 2, 2022  
 9am – 3pm  
 1717 N.W. 5th Avenue  
 Miami, Florida 33136

Free Assistance:  
 Arrest Record Sealing, Driver License Reinstatement,  
 Civil Legal Services, Voter Registration

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City of Miami Commissioner Christine King with FLJC Director of Legal Services Alex Saiz, Esq.





## Opa-Locka Walking One Stop



## Florida International University Social Justice Summit



# Give Miami Day



# Everglades Correctional Institution



# Winter Wonderland Toy Giveaway for Children with an Incarcerated Parent

Florida Justice Center worked with Re-Entry One and Quest Workspaces to host a toy giveaway for children with an incarcerated parent. FLJC Director of Legal Services, Alex Saiz, Esq., played the part of Santa Claus and handed out presents to the children.

