

THE BAIL PROJECT

JACKSONVILLE

OUR PROGRESS

We have provided **\$157,670** of bail assistance for **39** individuals allowing them to return to their families, jobs, and communities, and to fight their cases from a position of freedom.

LOCAL IMPACT TO DATE

Since launching operations in Jacksonville in May 2022, our local team has been actively working with Florida residents and community service providers to meet client needs and support their return to court. The Bail Project continues to be grateful for its partnership with the Duval County Office of the Public Defender, which provides office space and is also TBP's primary source of client referrals.

On the ground, The Bail Project provides a range of services that support clients attending court and resolving their cases, such as transportation to court appearances and providing cell phones. In addition to calling clients and sending them automated text message reminders of court dates, staff regularly check in with clients to discuss ongoing or emerging needs. Our staff has made a variety of requested voluntary connections to local social service providers for support with needs such as clothing and housing.

CASE OUTCOMES

We've supported Jacksonville clients return to **48** court dates, for an **88%** court appearance rate. To date, the median time to case disposition is **23** days.

As part of our process, we ask clients about their needs and provide voluntary referrals to social service providers in the community. In Jacksonville, the most common service requests are for **housing**.

The result is that **41%** of Jacksonville clients have all their cases dismissed. Through our client court appearances, **96%** of Jacksonville bail funds have revolved allowing us to support additional clients.

CLIENT PROFILE

Black, Indigenous, or POC	77%
Male	64%
Female	36%
Under 40 years old	56%

All numbers are rounded. Data current as of 10/31/2022.

KEY COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Duval County Office of the Public Defender
Operation New Hope

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OUR TEAM



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ONE FAMILY'S STORY: HENRY & LINDA

When Linda** noticed her 19-year-old son, Henry**, a star athlete on his high school football team, suddenly struggling to communicate and express thoughts and emotions, she knew something was wrong. Henry began isolating himself more every day, rarely speaking to anyone, even his siblings. Linda didn't know what to look for when it came to mental health care specialists—let alone finding someone affordable. But before she could find her son proper medical care, police arrested Henry after an alleged altercation with someone at a gas station. Henry was booked inside the Duval County jail and charged with assault.

At his initial hearing, Henry was shuffled inside the courtroom without a lawyer being appointed. When it was his turn, he approached the podium and looked at the TV screen where the judge and prosecutor appeared on live video feed. Then, after only a few back-and-forth exchanges, it was over: Henry had pleaded guilty and the judge sentenced him to probation.

After he was released, Linda refused to give up. She continued searching for people who might be able to provide insight into his condition. Henry, meanwhile, tried his best to follow the conditions of his probation but ultimately was rearrested after allegedly violating a term set in his probation. A judge set his bail at \$5,003.

Luckily, The Bail Project was able to step in. We spoke to Henry, helped connect him to his mom, and posted his bail. While his case was pending, our team connected Linda to mental health service providers so that she could finally get Henry the care he deserved. A little over two months later, following a court-ordered competency evaluation and the tireless work of his public defender, a judge dismissed Henry's probation violation charge. Had The Bail Project not provided bail assistance, Henry would have spent that entire time alone behind bars.

Even though Linda is still working to learn what happened to Henry, her unwavering and relentless support for her son has paid off. She's now in contact with a team of professionals devoted to helping Henry.

** Clients' names have been changed to protect their privacy.