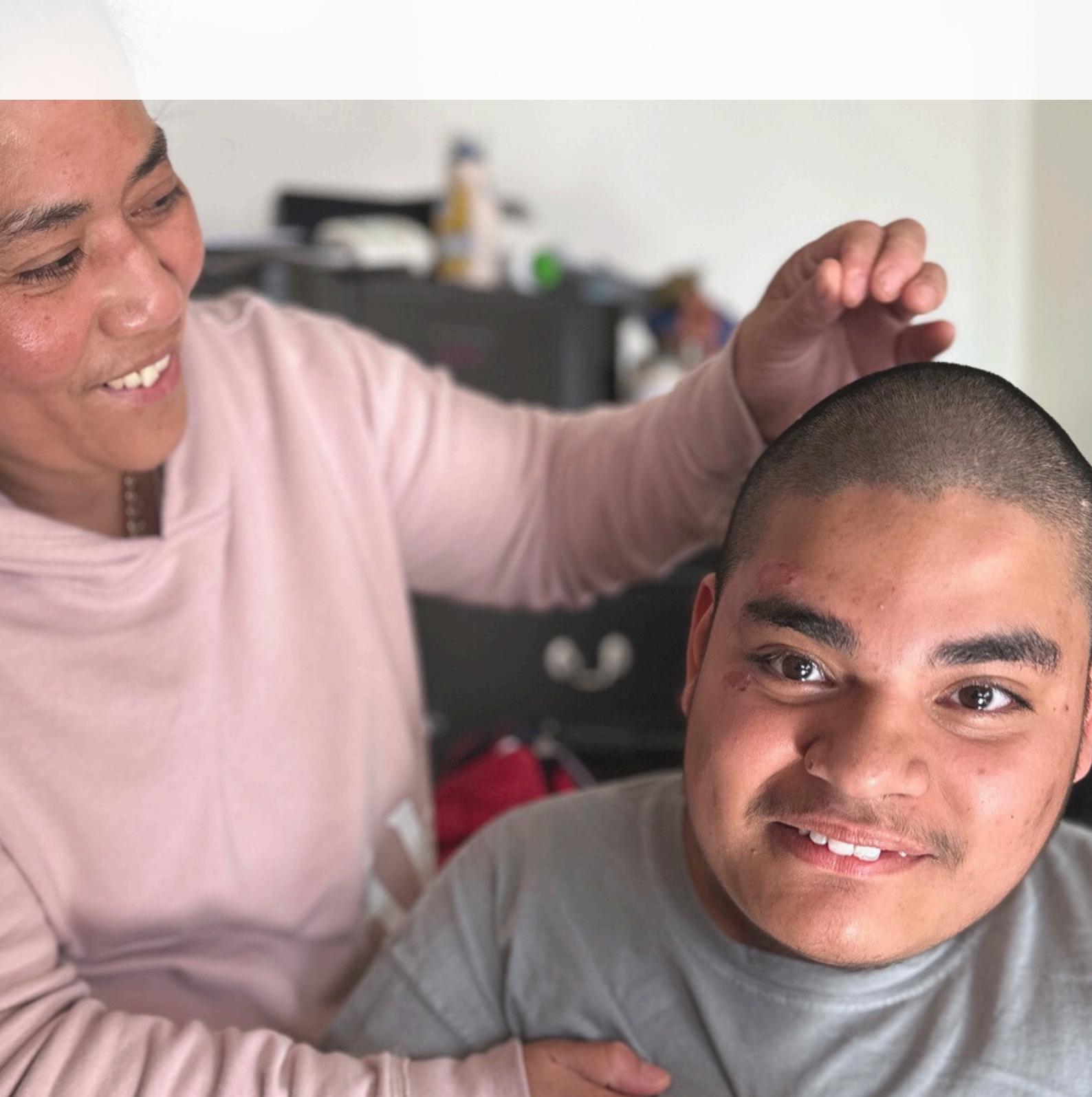


# OPEN DOOR LEGAL

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## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



# A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD

Dear ODL supporters,

2024 was a year of incredible growth for Open Door Legal. We expanded to a staff of 52 full-time dedicated professionals and worked on nearly 1,300 cases for families throughout the city.

In 2016, years before serving on the Board of Directors, I joined ODL (then called Bayview-Hunter's Point Community Legal) as the first staff attorney dedicated exclusively to family law. My work and the mission of ODL were so compelling to me that I was honored to transition my role into the Acting Director of Legal Services, while our cofounder Virginia Taylor went on parental leave. Serving in that role, even temporarily, gave me a chance to see our dedicated team using the law as a tool of justice for our clients, rather than a bludgeon against them. When I moved back into a full time practice role, I was grateful to have seen even a glimmer of what our collective efforts could achieve.

Yet not all growth is linear, and ODL's certainly has taken some twists and turns. As ODL has grown—from 5 full-time attorneys when I started to an incredible 22 now—we have also gone through growing pains. We have weathered difficult budget cycles when the city's revenue plummeted due to decreasing taxes from COVID and responded to changes (and threats of changes) in immigration law so abrupt and ill-communicated that it left entire communities reeling. This year, as it turns out, is no different.

While my fellow staff members buoyed me nearly a decade ago, it is all of you, our supporters, who give me hope today. People like you, who support ODL through giving time, money, and other resources, make it possible for our clients to access the laws that are so often used against them. You are with us, seeking justice on behalf of our neighbors. Your help is indispensable.

This year, even in the ever-changing tides, we remain dedicated to pursuing our mission of universal access, and showing that when the law belongs to all of us, we can reduce poverty, keep families safely housed, and make the world more just, whatever obstacles come our way. Thank you for being part of this work.

Sincerely,  
Anna Rudman Santos  
ODL Board of Directors

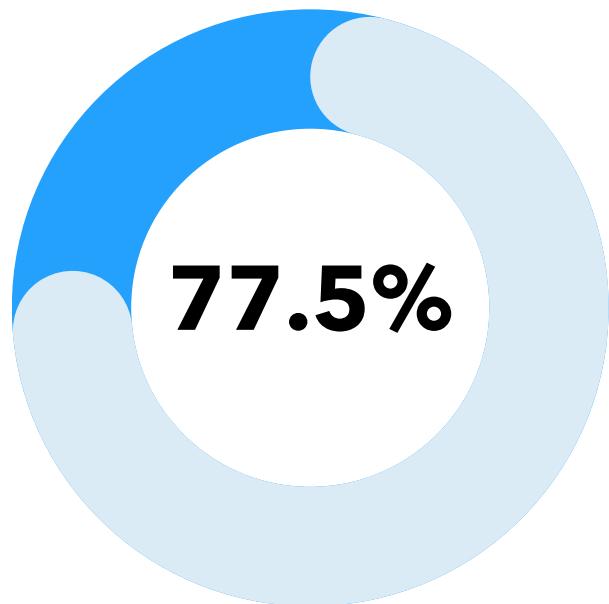


# TOGETHER, WE'VE MADE A DIFFERENCE

**594**  
CLOSED CASES

This year our team closed 594 cases. Each of these cases represent unique families and community members with individual legal issues. Our work makes a drastic difference and helps our clients enforce the rights that are already theirs.

Thank you for helping the law belong to ALL of us.



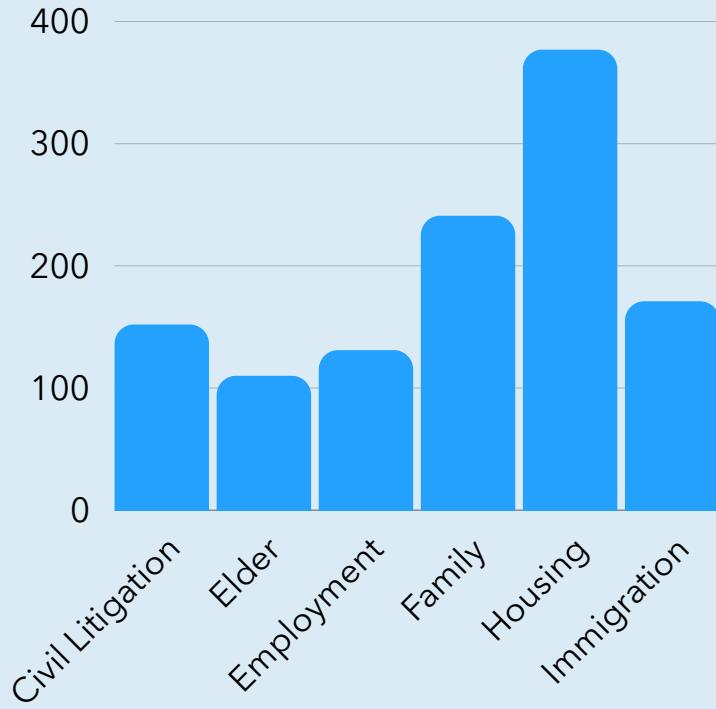
OF CLIENTS SAID WE MADE A 'LARGE' OR 'EXTREME' IMPACT ON THEIR LIFE.

"I want donors to know I'm so thankful for this service here. Without you guys, I would be back in prison. Open Door Legal is telling people, 'You don't have to resort back to negativity.' You guys are saving my life right now."

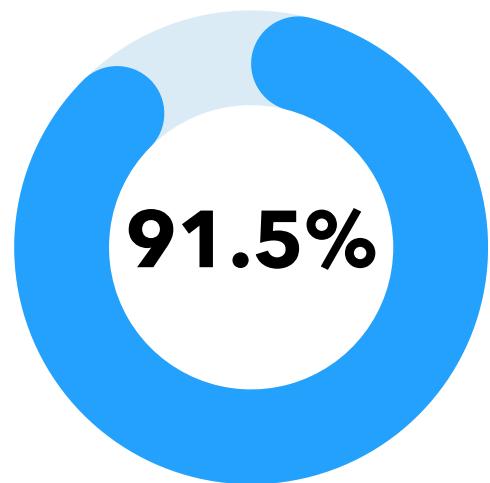
Darryl, Family Law Client

# 2024 CLIENT OUTCOMES

**1,284**  
ACTIVE CASES



**\$2,643,961**  
TOTAL DEBT  
CANCELLED



OF CLIENTS REPORT THAT  
STAFF ALWAYS TREATED  
THEM WITH RESPECT

**719**  
CASES OPENED

"It may sound funny, but I really get excited about defending my clients because it can mean the difference between them staying housed and sleeping in a car, on a couch, or on the streets."

Koohyar Hasanizadeh, Housing  
Attorney



# FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

"It matters to me, these are children. Their future is in our hands. A lot of them overcome abandonment, abuse, neglect. They come here with dreams of going to school and getting a job. They are at a tender age.

It's only when they have access to a stable immigration status that they can have a work permit. Then they can get a job in college, then they can help out their families at home.

It's only fair to give them a real shot at life."

-Sandra, Immigration Attorney

**\$6,456,790**

2024 TOTAL REVENUE

**\$6,216,227**

2024 TOTAL EXPENSES

"I feel like I'm not alone. I cannot express how much ODL helped me. I think they helped me with everything from the paperwork to what I am going to do in the courts. They were just angels to me. "

Alona, Family Law Client, pictured below with her son



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