



GAIN
GEORGIA ASYLUM AND
IMMIGRATION NETWORK

2018 Impact Report

GAIN's mission is to provide free immigration legal services to victims of crime and persecution

Our vision is safety, freedom, and opportunity for all.

LETTER FROM OUR LEADERSHIP



MONICA MODI KHANT
Executive Director

Dear Friends,

The year 2018 has truly been a transformational one at GAIN! Our small team has grown to include nine staff members, and alongside our donors, partners, and volunteers, we have been able to meet 2018's challenges with increased energy, insight, and manpower.

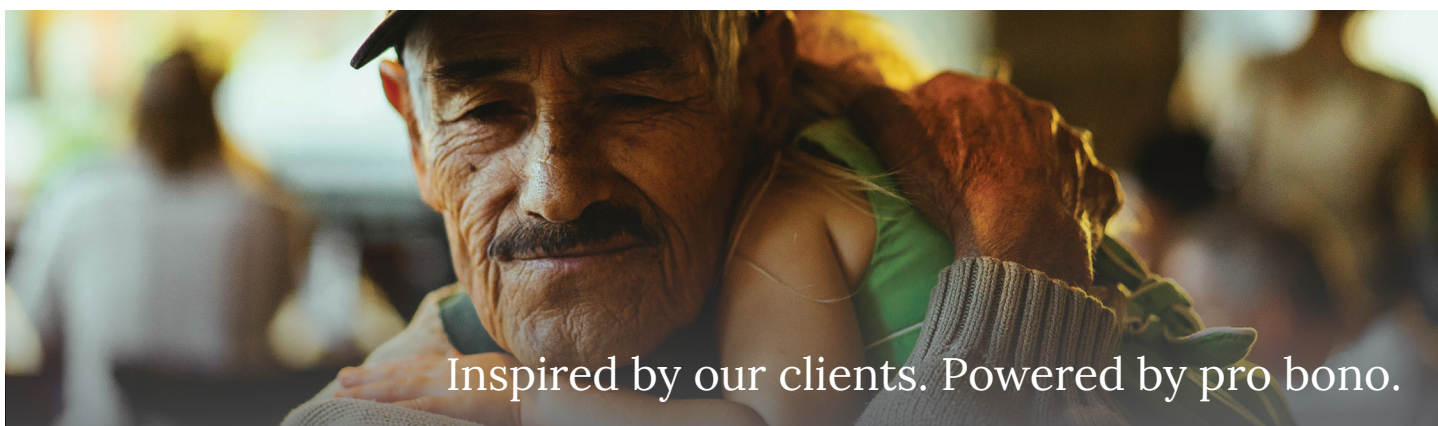
In this year of tremendous growth and partnership, we have continued to meet the need for our services as the immigration landscape has shifted. Recent changes in immigration law and practice have forced us to be nimble, deliberate, and responsive. We have enhanced our services for clients so they do not have to navigate these complex changes alone, because with so much at stake, our immigrant clients deserve to feel a sense of security.

We are grateful for over thirteen years of service in the immigration legal space in Georgia. Our ability to provide high-quality legal services is made possible by our generous donors and our partners in adjacent communities. From social service and legal organizations to the firms and corporations whose volunteer attorneys step up to handle GAIN cases, these united forces allow our clients to receive the complete services they need.

At GAIN, we like to say that we are inspired by our clients and powered by pro bono. Thank you for being a part of our work. We could not have the impact we have had without your help.



KAREN BAIN
Chair, GAIN Board of Directors



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ABOUT US

OUR MODEL

Since 2005, Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN) has helped immigrant victims of crime and persecution find safety, freedom, and opportunity in the United States. We recruit, train, and mentor volunteer attorneys to ensure that asylum-seekers and immigrant victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, sexual assault, and other crimes have access to quality legal representation for their immigration matters.

Through direct representation and pro bono referrals, we provide critical access to legal services for people from more than 100 countries to help thousands of men, women, and children rebuild their lives.



2018 BY THE NUMBERS

2,115



PEOPLE REACHED
THROUGH OUTREACH AND
EDUCATION EVENTS

450+



CLIENTS SERVED

30,335

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRO-BONO HOURS
DELIVERED SINCE 2005

3,741

ESTIMATED HOURS OF FREE LEGAL
SERVICES IN 2018 (includes direct representation)

In 2018, GAIN opened 69 new cases. See below for total active case data as of December 31, 2018.

Asylum Program

22 Direct Representation

55 Placed with Volunteers

12 Pending

= 89 total

Victims of Violence Program

58 Direct Representation

89 Placed with Volunteers

9 Pending

= 156 total

Top 5:

COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN: MEXICO, HONDURAS, VENEZUELA, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: SPANISH, ARABIC, FRENCH, PORTUGUESE, SWAHILI

Pablo's Story

Pablo* is a 20-year-old man from Honduras who was physically abused by his mother and stepfather because they believed him to be gay. He was often made to sleep outside or in the outhouse, and his own parents sold him to a predator who followed him to multiple cities—he could not escape. After surviving repeated sexual abuse, Pablo fled to the United States and filed for asylum. Pablo now has the legal assistance he needs to live a life free from persecution. Although he has suffered tremendously, Pablo is learning to thrive and is thankful for the support he has received from GAIN.



After filing for asylum, Pablo now has the legal assistance he needs to live a life free from abuse.

*GAIN respects the privacy of our clients. Names and photos have been changed.

ASYLUM

GAIN's Asylum Program assists immigrants fleeing persecution abroad by providing legal representation for their asylum cases.

In 2018, GAIN saw new challenges in immigration policy, most notably a policy change which creates greater hurdles for domestic violence survivors seeking asylum in the U.S.

Throughout the year, GAIN faced immigration policy changes with **courage** and **compassion** along with our **community** who continued to support Georgia's diverse immigrant population.



TYPES OF IMMIGRATION RELIEF

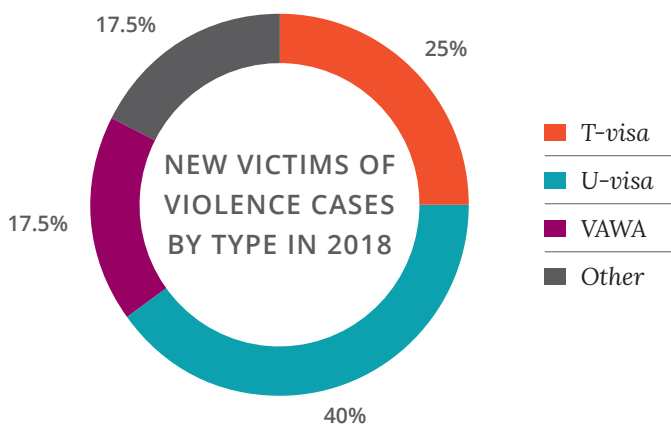
- Affirmative Asylum
- Defensive Asylum
- Board of Immigration Appeals
- Employment authorizations, adjustments of status, and consular processing

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

GAIN's Victims of Violence Program helps immigrants who have been victims of crime in the U.S. These clients include victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, sexual abuse, and other crimes. When immigrant survivors have access to quality legal representation for their immigration matters, they are able to build a life free from abuse.

TYPES OF IMMIGRATION RELIEF

- T-visas for victims of human trafficking
- U-visas for victims of crimes committed within the U.S.
- VAWA Self-Petitions for victims of crimes committed by a U.S. citizen or permanent resident spouse
- I-751 Battered Spouse Waivers
- Employment authorizations, adjustments of status, and consular processing



Women & Girls

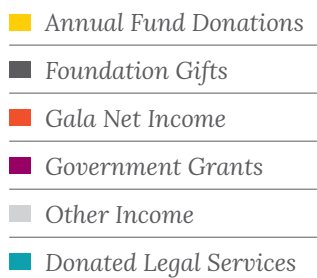
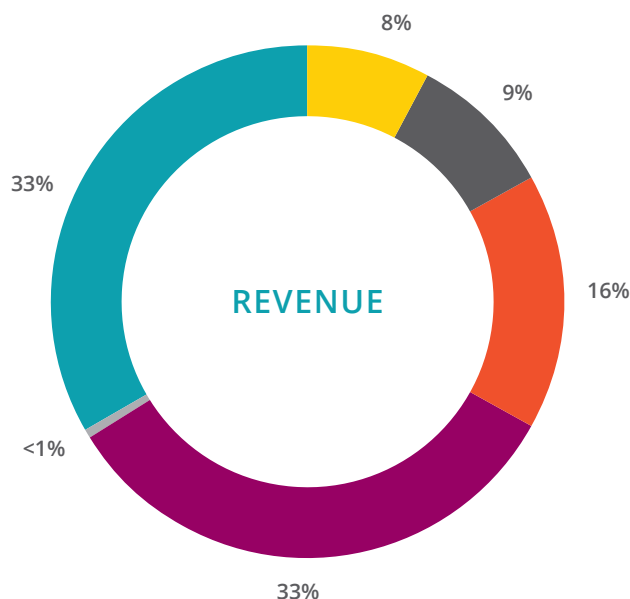
Since inception, GAIN has served clients of all genders, with 63% of all clients identifying as woman/female. The crimes our clients have survived disproportionately affect women and girls in both immigrant and nonimmigrant communities. GAIN remains dedicated to ending violence against women through the immigration relief we can provide.



“GAIN helped me escape my violent past and does the best job to help people like me who do not have income to find a lawyer. I would not be where I am today without GAIN.”

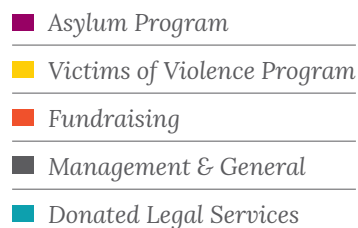
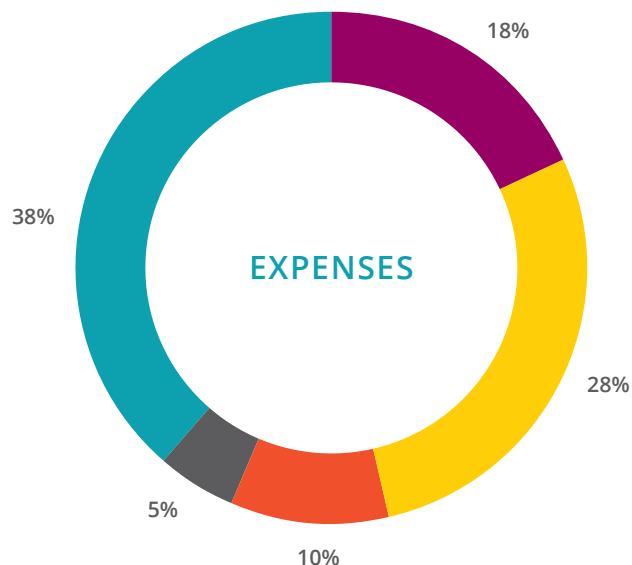
—Victims of Violence Client

GAIN FINANCIALS



Total revenue without estimated financial equivalent of donated pro bono services: \$746,313

*Unaudited financial numbers



Total expenses without estimated financial equivalent of donated pro bono services: \$599,220

*Unaudited financial numbers

GAIN'S work is made possible by our generous donors and supporting organizations. We believe in making every cent count to enhance our services for immigrant victims of crime and persecution.



1,217

NUMBER OF DONATED PRO BONO HOURS IN 2018



\$365,100

ESTIMATED FINANCIAL EQUIVALENT OF DONATED PRO BONO SERVICES IN 2018



\$318.36

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD DONATION GIVEN IN 2018

At GAIN, we know that a little goes a long way!

Since our founding in 2005 as a small project created by Georgia's pro bono leaders, our people have always been our strength. GAIN's volunteer force of attorneys serves clients across the state, ensuring that our programs remain free to our clients. With a people-powered model like ours, we have kept our costs low, and 75% of our 2018 expenses funded personnel costs.



Our work is made possible by donors and supporting organizations. In 2018, we increased our federal funding by 116% to \$372,214 and raised more money than ever before at the Go Formal For Freedom Gala with a net income of \$181,186. Our individual donors made our first annual fund appeal a success, increasing individual and Board donations by 87% from 2017 to total \$73,226. This funded GAIN's biggest year yet—our first full year with our own office space, our first year with more than one half million dollars in revenue, and a near-doubling of our staff—all of which allowed us to enhance our services for immigrant victims of crime and persecution.

"When I took my first asylum case at GAIN in 2013, the support I received ensured that I gave my pro bono clients good, solid legal advice and made a the biggest and best impact I could. GAIN has been a leader in the Atlanta pro bono community for years, but the growth I have seen in the past 5 years is amazing. I'm excited to see how the larger staff and volunteer attorneys can work together to help even more clients like the ones I have been lucky enough to meet and work with."



RADHA MANTHE
Associate, King & Spalding

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OUR COMMUNITY

At GAIN, our first priority is legal representation in immigration matters, however, we understand that our clients have other critical needs. We depend upon our network of community partners, not only for outreach across Georgia, but also to refer GAIN clients for access to counseling or medical services, protective orders, emergency shelter, food and clothing, and many others social services.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Atlanta Hawks Basketball Club
Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc
Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation (AVLF)
Asian Americans Advancing Justice Atlanta
Bethany Christian Services
Care and Counseling Center of Georgia
Catholic Charities Atlanta
Center for Pan Asian Community Services (CPACS)
Center for Victims of Torture (CVT)
Cherokee Family Violence Center
Clarkston Community Center
Day League
Friends of Refugees
Georgia Alliance for Social Justice
Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP)
Immigrant Families Together
Innovation Law Lab
Inspiritus formerly Lutheran Services of Georgia
International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Atlanta
Jewish Family & Career Services
Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)
Latin American Association (LAA)
Mosaic Georgia
National Association of Asian American Professionals Atlanta
New American Pathways
Noor Family Services
Partnership Against Domestic Violence (PADV)
Raksha, Inc.
Refuge Coffee Co.
Refugee Women's Network
Somali American Community Center
Tahirih Justice Center
Tapestri
The Haven
The Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association (GAPABA)
The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc
Off the Wall (via WonderRoot)
Victim Legal Assistance Network (VLAN)
World Relief

COALITIONS

Coalition of Refugee Service Agencies (CRSA)
Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (GCADV)
Georgia Immigration Law Working Group
Georgia Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force
Immigrant and Refugee Housing Coalition
Victim Legal Assistance Network (VLAN)

2018 GRANT FUNDERS

AEC Trust
Atlanta Bar Foundation
The State of Georgia's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)
GAPABA Law Foundation
Georgia Bar Foundation
National Association of Asian American Professionals - Atlanta Inc. (NAAAP)
UPS Foundation

"Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network provides a vital service for immigrant survivors of intimate partner abuse, and they never hesitate to provide immediate assistance and guidance in navigating these niche legal issues. We value our partnership and friendship with GAIN, are incredibly grateful for the support they provide for our clients, and value the example they set in the legal community of providing professional and quality legal services to immigrant survivors of crime."



JAMIE PEREZ

Director, Safe and Stable
Families Project, Atlanta
Volunteer Lawyers Foundation

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“My wife’s experience as an immigrant from a home country with a repressive regime ignited my passion for GAIN’s mission. I am further inspired by GAIN’s remarkable service to its clients. GAIN pursues its work with the clarity of purpose and a caring team of staff and volunteers. I am proud to be on GAIN’s team!”



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