

# Our History: JVS Timeline

1930s	1940s	1950s	1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s
<p><b>1938</b> The Vocational Service of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies was founded to place refugees from Austria and Germany, to help Jews affected by the Great Depression, and to deal with anti-Semitism in the workplace.</p> 	<p><b>1945</b> A budget of \$14,000 provides for an executive director, two counselors, and two admin staff.</p>  <p><b>1948</b> JVS focuses on placement and employment programs for returning veterans and demobilized defense workers.</p>	 <p><b>1950</b> Discussions begin around providing specialized training and a work adjustment center for individuals with disabilities.</p> <p><b>1954</b> JVS partners with Beth Israel Hospital to provide vocational services to patients.</p> <p><b>1957</b> A program to help older workers find jobs receives national attention.</p>	<p><b>1960</b> A top JVS priority is convincing employers of their responsibility to hire refugees and individuals with disabilities.</p> <p><b>1964</b> JVS launches an employment training program for Brookline school students with disabilities.</p>  <p><b>1968</b> JVS runs a rehabilitation service for Jewish prisoners, helping them find jobs after they are released.</p>	 <p><b>1972</b> JVS begins Project RETAIN, creating job opportunities for older individuals with disabilities.</p> <p><b>1975</b> JVS runs its first English classes as a result of an influx of Russian immigrants, and begins outreach programs to women re-entering the workforce.</p>	 <p><b>1981</b> Barbara Rosenbaum begins her 25-year role as JVS's Executive Director.</p> <p><b>1983</b> JVS starts an over-50 job club.</p> <p><b>1985</b> English classes are provided at employers' worksites. JVS embarks on its first fundraising effort.</p> <p><b>1988</b> English and employment services expand due to an influx of refugees from the Soviet Union.</p>	<p><b>1992</b> JVS starts its Microenterprise Training and Loan Program.</p> <p><b>1995</b> JVS and The City of Boston partner to establish The Work Place, a One-Stop Career Center.</p>  <p><b>1997</b> New initiatives are established, including Career Moves and citizenship classes for elderly Russians.</p>	<p><b>2000</b> The Connections program is established to assist Jewish individuals with mental illness.</p> <p><b>2007</b> Jerry Rubin becomes JVS's President and CEO.</p>  <p><b>2008</b> JVS and CJP partner to expand recession response employment services.</p> <p><b>2009</b> JVS begins Bridges to College, a college transition program for adult learners.</p>	<p><b>2010</b> JVS launches its Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) Training program.</p>  <p><b>2011</b> JVS develops an innovative employer-based program, Transitions to Work, which addresses the skills gap and removes barriers for individuals with disabilities.</p> <p><b>2015</b> JVS moves to the Center for Economic Opportunity, launches JVS CareerSolution and its Financial Opportunity Center</p>