



85 Years at JVS Boston: *Then & Now*



Then

In 1938, after graduating from Harvard University, Dr. Ida Hoos was instrumental in founding JVS, starting by helping Jewish women working in Boston's garment district to get better jobs.



Now

JVS Boston has extensive talent pipeline programs, like biotechnology & phlebotomy, where we train job seekers for specific skills and match them with a quality job after graduation.



Then

JVS Boston began offering services to individuals with disabilities, partnering with them to provide job training services and working for inclusion in the workplace.



Now

JVS Boston has a robust Disability Services department, which includes our Transitions to Work program. Through this program, individuals with disabilities receive the support needed to enter the workforce. We collaborate with amazing partners like Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital and House of Possibilities in this important work.



Then

While JVS provided services for immigrants and refugees from the start, JVS expanded English classes dramatically in the 1980s and early 1990s due to the influx of refugees from the former Soviet Union.



Now

In August 2023, Gov. Maura Healey declared a state of emergency in Massachusetts: tens of thousands of migrants filled the shelters to capacity, restricting the state's ability to provide adequate services. JVS Boston responded by expanding services, appealing to the federal government to take policy action, and partnering with new arrivals to help them find quality jobs in their new home.



Then

JVS launched the nurse's aide training program to increase access to career pathways in healthcare.



Now

JVS continues to develop new programs and initiatives, like ArLab, which is a state-of-the-art healthcare and biotechnology career institute created in partnership with Quincy College. This institute provides hands-on simulation training to job seekers working to enter careers in healthcare and biotechnology. We're confident that the programs offered at ArLab can change the future of job training and impact the lives of our clients.

Thank for all you've done in the last 85 years to help people find jobs and embark on new career pathways. Looking back at how far we've come, we know that we will continue to change people's lives through innovation, impact, and tailored services — together!