

Impact Report

2025



Pisgah Legal Services is a nonprofit organization that provides a broad array of free, civil legal aid, anti-poverty advocacy and access to health care to people with low incomes in Western North Carolina.

**714**

People in Jackson County, were helped by Pisgah Legal in 2025. More than 250 of them were children.

JACKSON COUNTY PRIORITY AREAS



HOUSING 58 people helped to stabilize housing and prevent homelessness



SAFETY 298 people helped to escape domestic abuse and rebuild their lives



HEALTH 87 people assisted to increase their access to health care, including ACA health insurance



INCOME 130 people helped to increase their basic income, including free tax aid

People helped totals include all household members. Some may be helped and counted more than once.

JACKSON COUNTY



Of the **39,337** people living in Jackson County, at least **23%** are eligible for Pisgah Legal's services based on income.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

- **21.3%** of children in Jackson County live in poverty, which can interfere with healthy development.
- **46%** of renters in Jackson County are cost-burdened, meaning they spend more than **30%** of income on housing.
- **15%** of residents in Jackson County are uninsured
- **17.2%** of residents in Jackson County are food insecure which is associated with numerous adverse social and health outcomes.



JAVARISS'S STORY

For Javariss, an Army veteran who served two tours in Iraq after September 11th, life reached a breaking point. Post-traumatic stress disorder, eviction, job loss, and mounting financial stress left him feeling overwhelmed and hopeless.

Meeting Pisgah Legal Services attorney Misty Greene, who leads the Veterans Law Program, marked a turning point. She assured Javariss they would face the challenges together and meant it.

With Misty's help, Javariss resolved fines that had cost him his driver's license simply because he could not afford to pay. Regaining his license allowed him to access critical care at the VA Medical Center in Asheville.

Misty also secured disability benefits for Javariss, earning him a 100 percent VA disability rating that reflected the severity of his PTSD.

Today, Javariss and his family have steady income, are saving for their first home, and are rebuilding their lives.

"Getting my license paved the way for everything else," he says.

PISGAH LEGAL SERVICES

More community impact, facts & figures

\$28 million

secured in quantifiable financial benefits

- \$9,377,546 in monetary benefits for clients, such as home equity preserved from foreclosure, child support, etc.
- \$5,859,904 estimated value of healthcare benefits from clients eligible under Medicaid Expansion
- \$4,017,965 in benefits for people with disabilities
- \$3,326,372 estimated health insurance premium tax credits
- \$1,826,832 estimated in Medicaid and Medicare benefits, payable to WNC medical providers
- \$1,370,962 tax refunds secured
- \$1,189,970 FEMA, disaster assistance & Insurance appeals
- \$730,866 value of pro bono hours donated

DISASTER RECOVERY CLINICS

26
Disaster clinics

3,000+
People helped



5,630 people in immigrant households helped to gain lawful status, work authorization and stability for themselves and their families.



Volunteer attorneys and community members donated more than **10,000** hours of their time in 2025.

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WNC OFFICE LOCATIONS

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HIGHLANDS - HENDERSONVILLE - MARSHALL - NEWLAND
RUTHERFORDTON - SPRUCE PINE - WAYNESVILLE