



ANNUAL REPORT 2025



*Together for Change.
Together for Impact.*



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OUR MISSION & VISION

OUR MISSION

The Alabama Latino Access Center is committed to promoting access to healthcare, language justice, and social equity for Latine people living with HIV/AIDS, Latine LGBTQ+ individuals, and immigrant communities residing in Alabama.

OUR VISION

The Alabama Latino Access Center dedicates its efforts to coordinating an effective network of health and social service providers, as well as community liaisons, to reduce health disparities and promote the meaningful involvement of Latinx people living with HIV, Latine LGBTQ+ individuals, and immigrants in Alabama in issues that impact their lives.



MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

It is an honor to share the ongoing journey of the Centro de Acceso para Latinos de Alabama (CALA). Our work has been rooted in a deep commitment to advancing health equity, language justice, and dignity for Latine living with HIV, LGBTQ+, and immigrant communities across Alabama. These accomplishments are the result of shared work—of our staff, volunteers, health partners, donors, grantors, interns, clients, community stakeholders like you who believe that our collective responsibility to continue expanding healthcare access, reducing stigma, eliminate barriers, and strengthening pathways to believe in a better future.



JEAN HERNANDEZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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2025: YEAR IN NUMBERS

112

HIV INDIVIDUALS SERVED

492

REFERRALS

288

VOLUNTEERS HOURS

68

LGBTQ INDIVIDUALS SERVED

189

VISITS

90

VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED



2025: YEAR IN NUMBERS

3403

ASSISTANCE EVENTS

401

HOURS LINGUISTIC SERVICES

288

OTHER SERVICES CALA

231

HIV TESTINGS PROVIDED

28

SUPPORT MEETINGS

360

PEER MENTORING SERVICES



WE GAVE \$40.319 IN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

EYEGASSES VOUCHERS PROVIDED

\$6.819

FOOD VOUCHER PROVIDED

\$19.600

POWER BILL ASSISTANCE

\$6.371

IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE

\$7.529



2025: YEAR IN NUMBERS

KIDS SERVED TROUGHT NAVIDAD WISH

35

BUDGET SPENT NAVIDAD WISH

\$7.500

NUMBER OF BACKPACKS PROVIDED

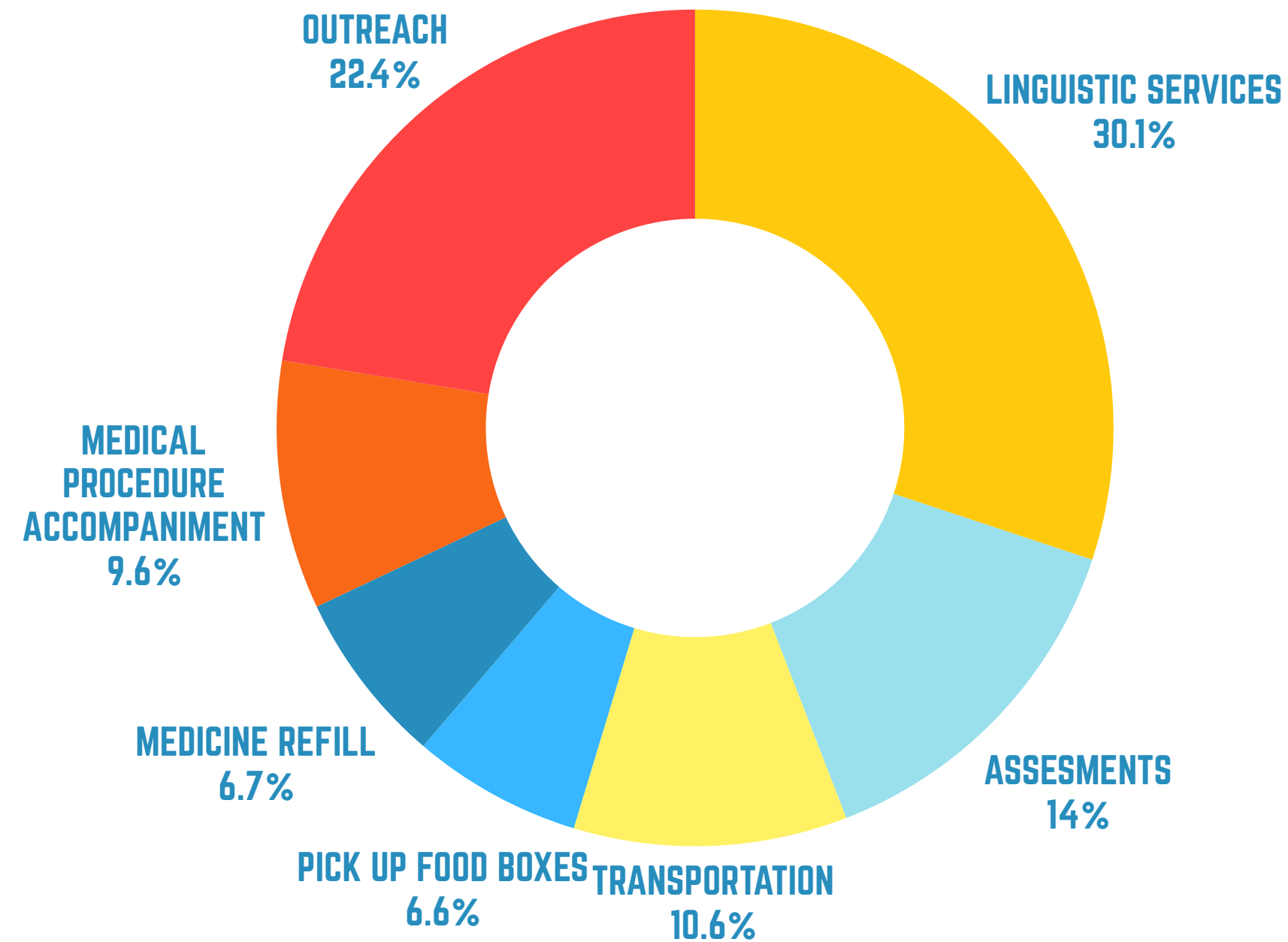
560

BUDGET SPENT MOCHILON

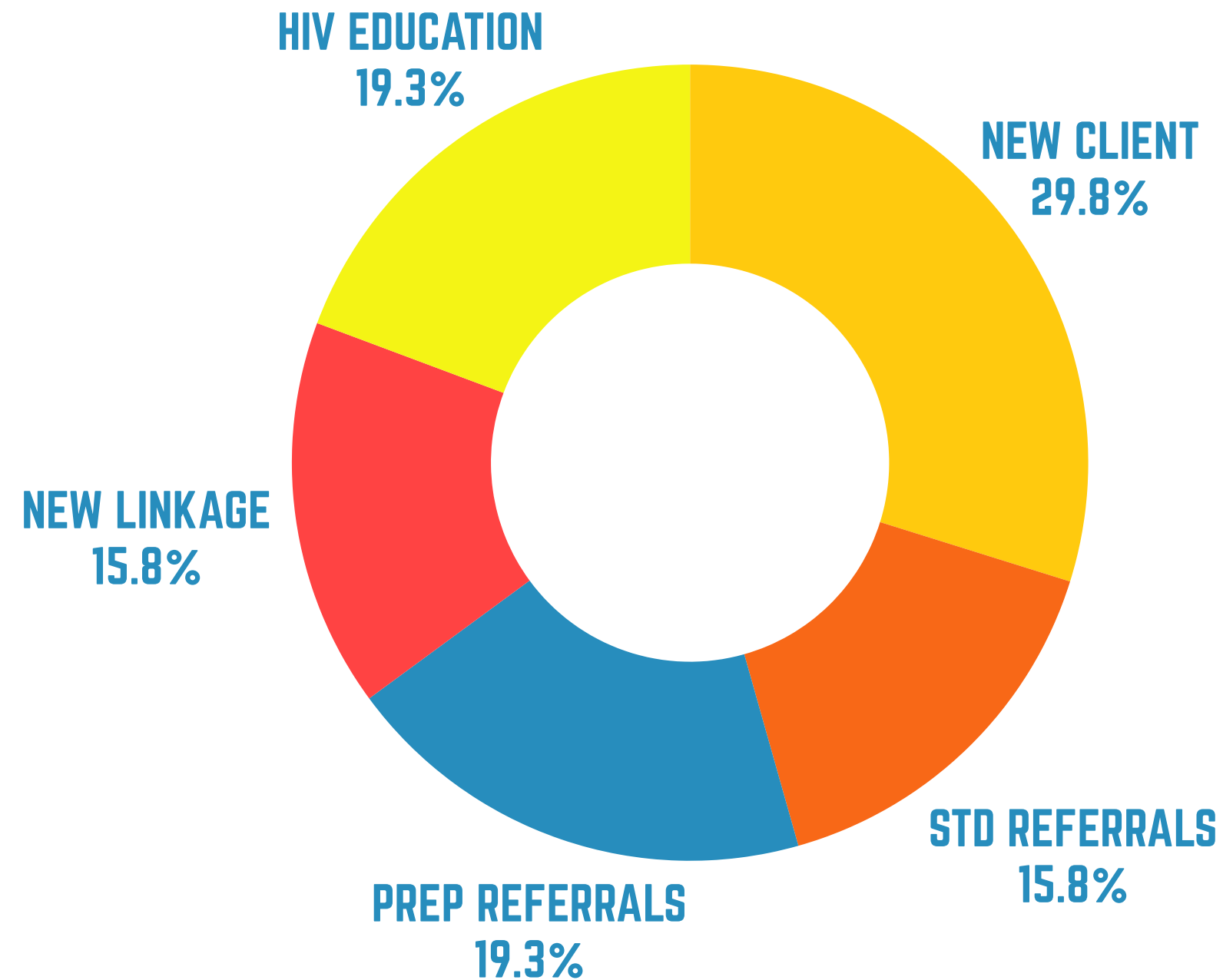
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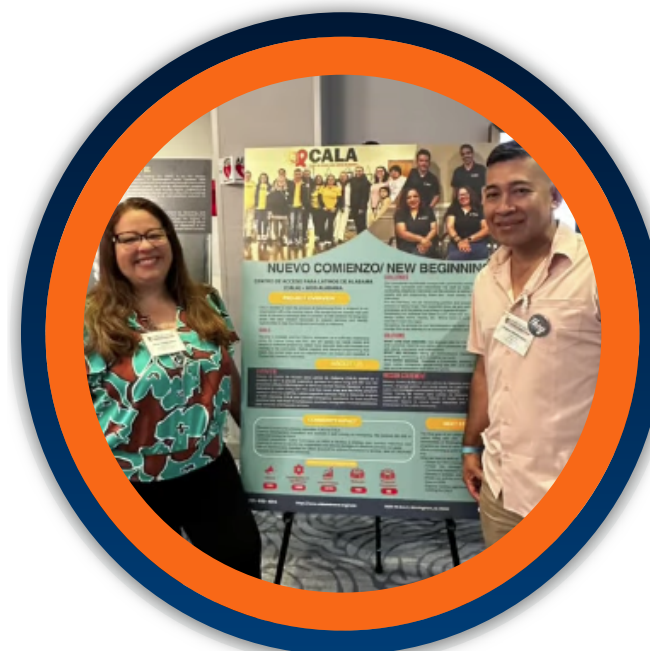
MOST REQUEST SERVICES - WHERE YOUR SUPPORT WENT



EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES



THE POWER OF OUR COMMUNITY



STORIES OF IMPACT

“Siento que son personas en las que puedo confiar. Es como una familia. Hay cosas que a veces a la misma familia no se le pueden contar y al grupo de CALA le tengo esa confianza.”

-Client & volunteer of CALA

“ Saben quien eres, te conocen por nombre y conocen quien eres ”

“ Hay mucha gente que necesita mi ayuda y yo puedo brindarla, y así cuando yo he necesitado ellos me lo han brindado ”

“ Yo participando en las ferias de salud, y adoro que me tomen en cuenta aunque somos muchos voluntarios. La gente responde porque confían en CALA ”

“ Me encantan los retiros, jamás en la vida no había conocido la playa, nunca había sentido el mar y gracias a CALA lo conocí ”



CHALLENGES & LESSONS LEARNED

1. Trust is the Foundation of Engagement

Building trust within the Latine community- Latine living with HIV, immigrant and LGBTQ+ communities requires consistent presence, time, cultural responsiveness, and linguistic services.

2. Language Justice is Not Optional—It is Essential

Linguistic barriers remain one of the biggest obstacles to HIV care, prevention, and social services.

3. Social Determinants of Health

Clients often prioritize basic needs (food, housing, utilities, immigration support) over healthcare. We experienced an increase in requests for social services and emergency assistance.

4. Partnerships Multiply Impact

Collaboration and strong referral systems improve linkage to care and service completion.

5. Stigma Remains a Major Barrier

HIV stigma, immigration fears, discrimination, hate and distrust of systems prevent people from seeking services.

6. Organizational Growth

We did a strategic plan for the next 5 years with over 60 stakeholders. Transitioning to an independent nonprofit organization create challenges but also provides new opportunities. *Sí se Puede!!*

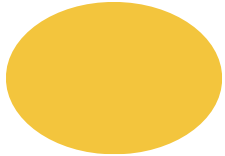


OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

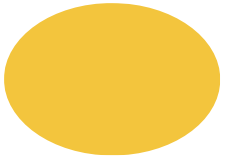
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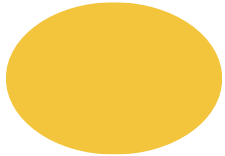
Open our doors to a new center for CALA.



Expand our services.



Prioritize people living with HIV, LGBTQ+ and immigrant communities in Alabama.



More visibility for our communities.



THANK YOU & CALL TO ACTION



SCAN HERE

Help us TODAY to continue transforming the immigrant community. Every donation, every gesture, every ally... makes a difference!

Together, we change lives. Because when we work together, there's no limit to the hope we can spark, the lives we can uplift, and the change we can create.



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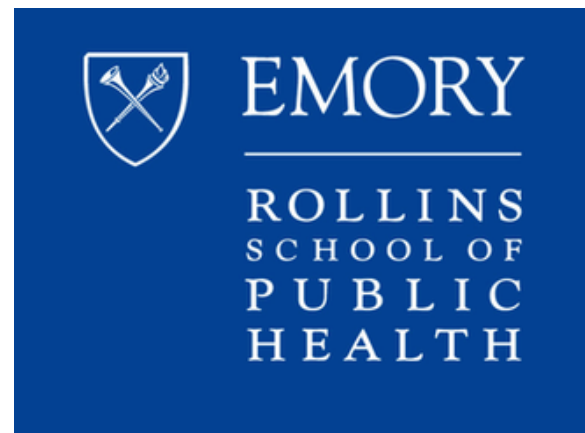


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