



The Vocational Service of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies was founded to employ refugees from Austria and Germany and Jews affected by the Great Depression.



1930's

1940's

JVS focuses on placement and employment programs for returning veterans and demobilized defense workers.



JVS begins job training and placement for individuals with disabilities and older workers.

1950's

1960's

JVS partners with employers to hire refugees and individuals with disabilities.



1970's

Refugees from the former Soviet Union and Vietnam are assisted by JVS's expanded English and employment services.

1980's

English classes are provided at employers' worksites.



1990's

JVS and The City of Boston partner to establish The Work Place, a one-stop career center.

2000's

JVS launches Bridges to College, a college transition program for adult learners.



2010's

JVS launches its Certified Nursing Assistant and Pharmacy Technician programs, enabling participants to enter high-demand jobs.

The JVS Center For Economic Opportunity opens.

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