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Elevated Access Impact Report



Our volunteer pilots transport passengers at no cost to access the healthcare they require. The work the organization does is intentionally helping a very small and specific portion of the population in need. Because of this, our statistics demonstrate a much more extensive impact. The typical passenger is a person of color, very likely living paycheck to paycheck and with no means to access this support on their own. 40% of the abortion patients we work with have children already, which could mean that every hour spent away from their everyday life has repercussions. Every mile flown instead of driven saves precious time. Time that can be translated directly into hours spent caregiving, or being available to continue working and putting food on the table instead of missed shifts that could lead to unemployment.

Elevated Access By the Numbers...*



1350 Volunteer Pilots



80 Partner Organizations

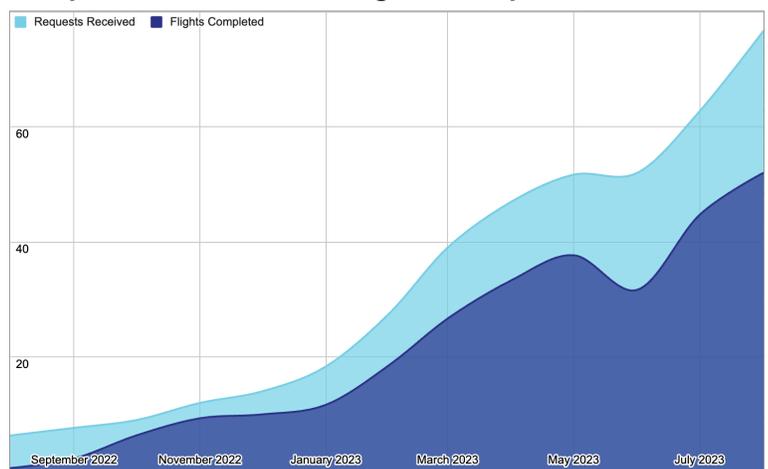


400 Completed Flights



250,000+ Miles Flown

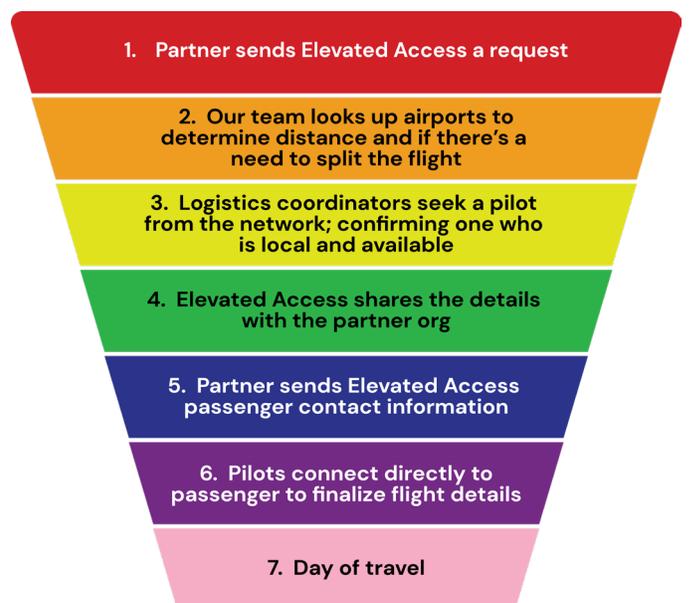
Requests Received vs. Flights Completed Over Time



How Passengers Come to Elevated Access

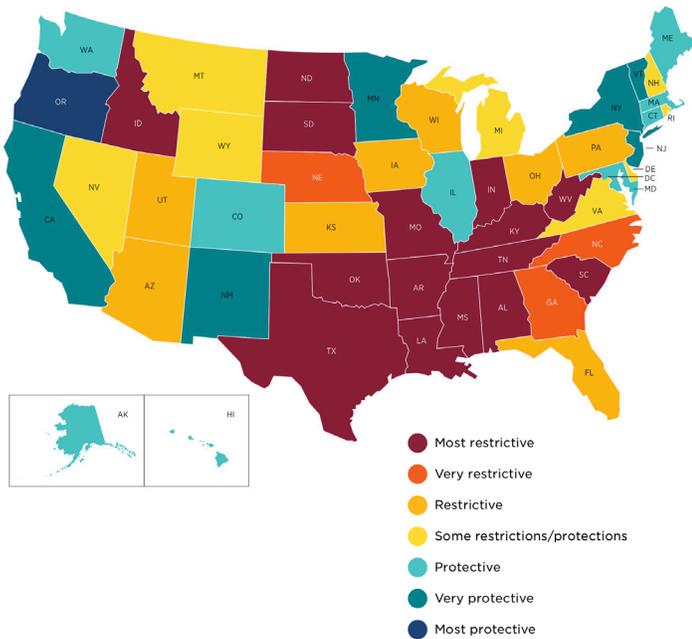


How Flights are Planned

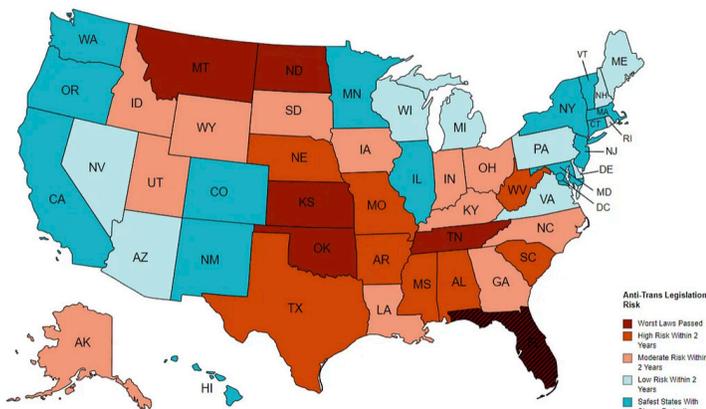


*Statistics as of September 15, 2023.

State Laws Banning Abortion**



State Laws Banning Gender-Affirming Care**



Gabriela's*** Story

Gabriela was a victim of domestic abuse. When she found out she was pregnant, she had no driver's license or identification and was not allowed by her partner to leave the house alone.

One day she was in the car and the radio was tuned into NPR, which was fortuitously talking about the Midwest Access Coalition (our founding partner, MAC). Gabriela knew she needed help, and that these were the people to provide it.

MAC reached out to Elevated Access and described Gabriela's situation. They asked if we could fly her and also her belongings from North Carolina to Illinois. Absolutely we were ready to help, but there are maximum total weights for all aircraft, just much lower for small planes. Under special circumstances like these, our team would consider a commercial airline, but as Gabriela didn't have any identification, this was not an option.

We worked with MAC to find a creative solution. They purchased an airline ticket, reserved a car rental and a hotel for Alison, an employee who physically met up with Gabriela and moved her out of her home. Meanwhile the Elevated Access team found a pilot and coordinated flights. Everything was going smoothly until they realized there was no carrier for Gabriela's cat, Rusty. Alison connected with the volunteer pilot, to determine if they needed to change the flight, only to find out the pilot actually had a spare carrier and was glad to provide it for Rusty! Alison escorted Gabriela to the airport, dropped off Gabriela and Rusty, and then took the rest of Gabriela's bags on a commercial flight. They met up in Illinois, where Gabriela collected her things and had her doctor's appointment.

Fast forward to a few months later. Gabriela now has chosen to stay in Illinois. She has an ID, an apartment, is interviewing for jobs, and has Rusty back after a brief fostering. She told us that in her previous environment she didn't know how to ask for help, but she found a survival instinct after listening to the radio. Gabriela told us that we had saved her life.

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