

LEAP

Learn and Earn to Achieve Potential

An Annie E. Casey Foundation Initiative

LEAP applies JAG's model in seven of Minneapolis Public Schools' contract alternative schools, focusing on youth who are homeless or highly mobile, juvenile justice systems, and youth involved in Hennepin County foster care. PPL and its partners integrate several newly launched programs to more effectively help young people earn a high school diploma and enter postsecondary education or the job market on a path to family sustaining wages.

THE REALITY



Takoda Prep.
Nawayee Center School
VOA High School
PYC Arts & Technical High School
Menlo Park Academy
Loring Nicollet Alternative School
MERC Alternative High School

31%



of young people in foster care or juvenile justice graduate high school

A disconnected youth can expect

\$392,070

lost in lifetime earnings without a high school diploma and career plan

Impose a net tax-burden of

\$235,680

And cost the community

\$704,020

Source: Pohlad Family Foundation Youth Advancement Overview, 2015.

THE STRATEGY

High School Completion & Employment



Enrollment in

JAG



ALC Plus

- Culturally competent career readiness education that leads to postsecondary or job training
- Earn two college credits
- Crisis management in collaboration with county support workers
- Support to set and achieve short and long-term goals



Technical Assistance from JAG & Annie E. Casey

Common Elements

- Trauma-informed work readiness strategies
- Intensive case management & coaching
- Authentic youth engagement
- Data-driven program design
- Philanthropic & community investment

THE IMPACT

483

young people involved in foster care, juvenile justice or homeless / highly mobile will receive evidence-based interventions

210



will earn a high school diploma and/or achieve work readiness



142

will enroll in college

243

will be placed in jobs

PARTNERS



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