LEARN AND EARN TO ACHIEVE POTENTIAL

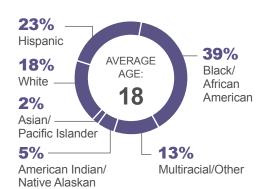
Learn and Earn to Achieve Potential (LEAP) is a multimillion-dollar initiative that is increasing employment and educational opportunities for young people who have been involved in the child welfare and justice systems, or who are homeless, by adapting and scaling two evidence-based models to address their specific needs and challenges. Launched by the Corporation for National and Community Service's Social Innovation Fund and the Annie E. Casey Foundation in 2015, this effort involves 10 local partnerships working across eight states, four national organizations — Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG), Jobs for the Future (JFF), MDRC and School & Main Institute — and a growing network of nearly 50 local and national funders. Here's a glimpse at the early results from LEAP's first year.

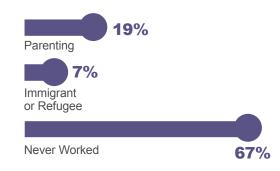
THE CHALLENGE

4.9 million young people ages 16-24 are neither in school nor working

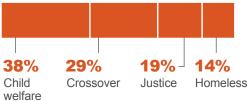


Unspecified: 1%





SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT



THEORY OF CHANGE

JAG Model High school completion and preparation for success in school and work

JFF Model Support for successful

transitions to college and other postsecondary training



Navigational coaching, trauma-informed support and wraparound services

Core Strategies with Local Partners

Youth engagement and leadership

Partnerships and collaboration

Data-driven continuous improvement

Building system partnerships

Increasing economic opportunities

Results

Positive and significant education and employment outcomes for 3,000 - 5,000 youth and young adults transitioning from systems.

Evidence of successful adaptations of the JAG and JFFF models and more widespread adoption of trauma-informed practices and wraparound services.

Improvements in youth-serving systems and institutional practices.

LEAP AT A GLANCE

Main Institute and 10 local partnerships in eight states.

WHAT: An initiative launched in partnership with the Social Innovation Fund to connect young people with postsecondary education and employment.

CROSS-SECTOR

PARTNERSHIPS

K-12 Schools

and Districts

Postsecondary

Organizations and

Child Welfare and

Justice Agencies

Government Entities

Employers

Other Local

Workforce

Development

Organizations

(374 TOTAL PARTNERS)

Number of

59

59

55

LEAP Partners

homeless.

opportunities and systems for youth and young

FUNDING

(FIRST THREE YEARS)

LEAP Funders

Number of

BREAKDOWN

National +

\$5.4 million

Federal

Match

Local

Match

\$9 million

WHO: The Casey Foundation, Jobs for America's Graduates, Jobs for the Future, MDRC, School &

FOCUS: Young people ages 15-25 in the child welfare or juvenile justice system, or who are

WHY: Improve educational and economic

EARLY SYSTEM CHANGES

September 2017

EARLY MILESTONES

Postsecondary enrollment

Other advanced training

— HS diploma or GED Job retention

Internship or on-the-job learning

Sept. 2016-Sept. 2017

Employment

300

250

200

150

100

Number of Participants Achieving Early **Employment and Educational Milestones.**

Created cross-system partnerships that expanded LEAP participants' access to resources such as housing, transportation and other integrated services prior to transition.

approach to support older youth and young adults.

Trained partners in trauma-informed care to ensure youth encounter caring adults in a variety of settings.

Developed early warning systems with postsecondary admissions and

financial aid staff to proactively address student barriers.

Built alumni networks to serve as mentors for future LEAP participants

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Established a cross-agency teaming



