

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 established 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), JFF, MDRC and School & Main Institute — and a growing network of more than 60 local and national funders. Here's a glimpse at the early results from LEAP's second year.

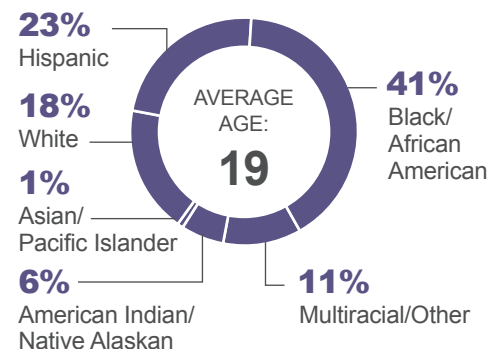
THE CHALLENGE

4.6 million young people ages 16–24 are neither in school nor working

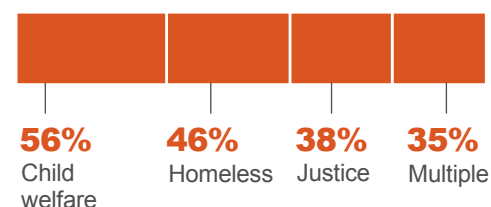
WHO WE SERVE¹

1,981

young people have enrolled in LEAP



SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT²



¹As of June 2018

²Involvement rates are not mutually exclusive

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

Additional Services

Navigational coaching, trauma-informed support and wraparound services

Core Strategies with Local Partners

Youth engagement and leadership

Partnerships and collaboration

Data-driven continuous improvement

Cultivating cross-system collaboration

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 models, broader adoption of trauma-informed practices and greater integration of wraparound support.

Improvements in youth-serving systems and institutional practices.

LEAP AT A GLANCE

WHO: The Casey Foundation, Jobs for America's Graduates, JFF, MDRC, School & 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.

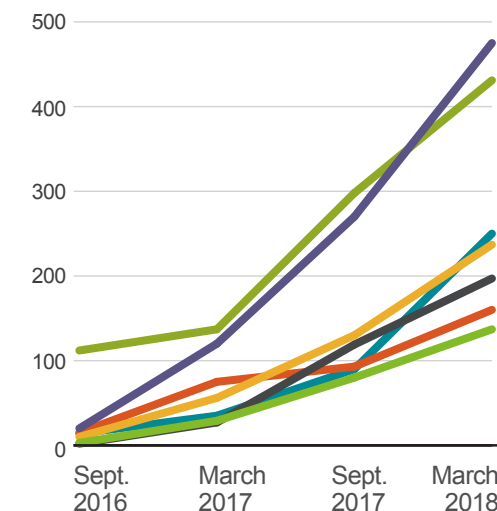
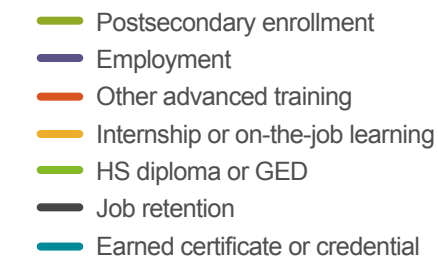
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FOCUS: Young people ages 15-25 in the child welfare or justice system, or who are homeless.

WHY: Improve educational and economic opportunities and systems for youth and young adults.

EARLY MILESTONES

Number of Participants Achieving Early Employment and Educational Milestones, Sept. 2016–March 2018



EARLY SYSTEM CHANGES

Cultivated **cross-system alignment** to expand LEAP participants' access to resources such as housing, child care, transportation and other supportive services.

Worked with **justice-system partners** to establish LEAP enrollment as an alternative to probation and confinement.

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

Developed early warning systems with postsecondary admissions and financial aid staff to proactively address student barriers.

Established **sector-based partnerships** and fast-track hiring programs with employers.

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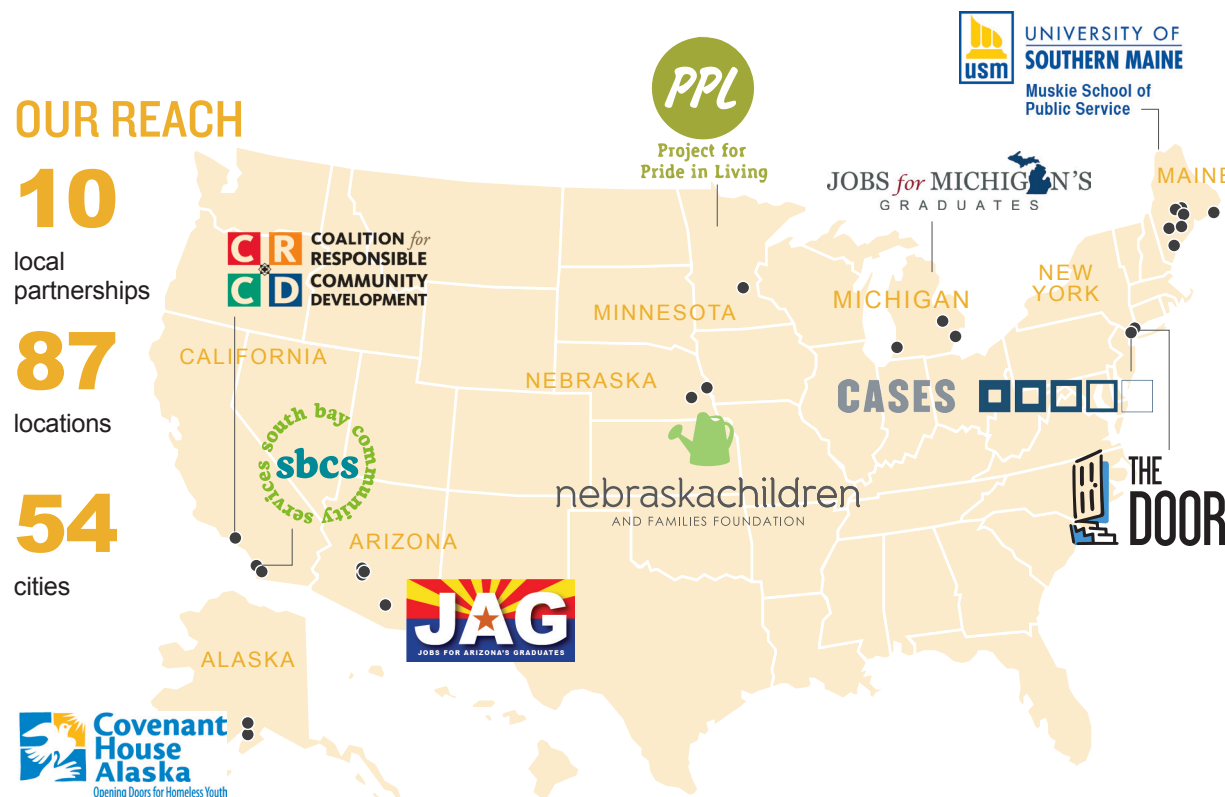
local partnerships

87

locations

54

cities



CROSS-SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS

(378 TOTAL PARTNERS)

Number of LEAP Partners



FUNDING BREAKDOWN

(FIRST THREE YEARS)

Number of LEAP Funders

