Generation Schools Network's Justice Engaged Students - Colorado (JES-CO) Initiative

Only 20% of adjudicated youth go on to earn a diploma. This is largely driven by system nexus confusion and lack of understanding and training for personnel in the education and justice systems ("Achievement gap: Education outcomes of court-involved students," 2019). Generation Schools Network is facilitating a community-wide effort: Justice Engaged Students - Colorado (JES-CO) to focus on removing educational barriers by clarifying the school re-entry and support process for the more 6,000 adjudicated youth in Colorado each year likely to miss out on educational attainment.

Through community engagement and stakeholder support, the JES-CO initiative aims to:

- Create a new group of state-wide collaborators committed to shutting down the School to Prison Pipeline (STPP)
- Gather 100 community voices to develop empathy and understanding of the educational barriers for adjudicated youth
- Develop a community-driven, lay friendly version of a Justice Engaged Student Bill of Rights (JESBOR) that provides guidance for navigating common challenges
- Recommend and pursue legislative fixes that enable the provisions in the JESBOR
- Develop and offer training for how to support justice engaged youth to youth, families, community-based organizations, justice, education, health & human services personnel
- Seek state funding for an adjudicated youth hotline (similar to Safe to Tell & I Matter) where students and families can receive guidance and support for school re-enrollment and success

CALL TO ACTION & WAYS TO ENGAGE

It takes a community to improve justice-engaged student outcomes and we're asking you to join in the work of JES-CO and become a partner in supporting our most vulnerable youth.

→ *Fund*

→ *Connect*

→ *Guide*

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