



Revised logo coming soon!

NEW PROGRAM NAME: VOICES

CAPACITY BUILDING

With spring and summer quickly approaching, the **Voices** program is creating safe places to play with the purpose of engaging youth and families in soccer kickarounds; this is in partnership with the **Southeast Springs Soccer Initiative (SeSSI)**, **Pride Soccer Club**, **Colorado College** and **Concrete Couch**.

EXPANSION

Jl is pursuing grant funding for a **Father Advocate** position to support fathers involved the early childhood, dependency/neglect and juvenile justice systems. This advocate would participate in the creation and implementation of district-wide Father Circle Support Groups and community outreach events.

PARTNERSHIPS

Jl recently partnered with two **University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS)** professors to facilitate an equity learning opportunity. The content was well-received by participants and led to increased learnings about equity and intersectionality.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The **AFK Council's Family Support + Education Subcommittee** is working on an online **Community Family Calendar** on the newly launched **Joint Initiatives website**. Parent training calendars and resources can be easily accessed and shared, and organizations have the ability to submit events and classes to be posted on the calendar.
- Jl's **Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP)** began the process of addressing internal equity/conflict resolution with the completion of 7 staff connection groups (three CORE Panel and four all staff).
- A total of **30** families have been supported through **Family Assistance** funding year to date.
- Jl **Racial Equity Learning Series, Part 4: Minimizing Implicit Bias + Stereotype Threat** (3/18/22). Click [HERE](#) for details and to register.

