

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 2023



PARTNERSHIPS

The Voices program continues to partner with Harrison School District 2 and Colorado Springs School District 11 to develop the Youth Board that will support Restorative Justice practice in schools. District 11 is off to an amazing start with the selection of seven students that attend Palmer High School. Kudos to Harrison, Sierra, and Palmer High Schools that have implemented Restorative Circles in their schools. In the upcoming months, the Voices program is excited to receive the data from these districts to show the level of impact the Restorative Circles are making on suspension rates. This data will also show who is benefiting the most from the circles and any gaps that are identified across the areas of gender, ethnicity, and grade level.

COLLABORATION

In collaboration with **Peaceful Households**, JI has scheduled a *Restorative Practice: Part of a Trauma-Informed Classroom Strategy* training for early child programs for June 10th and August 5th.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHT

JI's Core Panel has been successfully established and completed their first goal of reviewing JI's Employee Handbook and offering feedback through a racial equity lens. This group will meet at least monthly to discuss topics surrounding racial equity.



EXPANSION

- JI has received 20 applications for the Emerging + Expanding grant which offers to fund newly licensed providers or current providers that would like to expand their slots. JI is receiving 2-3 grant inquiries per week.
- JI has hired a Foundations Program Assistant, Krystal Boyles, and an Emerging + Expanding Grant Specialist, Vickie Brownell.
- JI is interviewing for three positions in the UPK Team: UPK Provider Coach, UPK Family Navigator, and UPK Data Support Specialist

PARTNERSHIPS

- JI has partnered with **Fountain Fort Carson District 8** to co-host a family night, as well as bring the JI Playgroup and the Simple Gift Educator Series to the Fountain/Ft. Carson Community.
- A partnership started with **Pikes Peak State College** to offer a new Concurrent Enrollment Hybrid Model for all seventeen high school early childhood education courses.

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ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHT

The JI Playgroup hosted **60+** children in March, **doubling** the average attendance!



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UNIVERSAL PRE-K (UPK) UPDATES

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- 140 early childhood programs signed up for UPK in El Paso County
- 13 school districts participating in UPK
- 4926 UPK spots available for children in El Paso County



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EXPANSION

Two new Pathways positions are being added through the Juvenile Disciplinary Grant. We have 20 applications for the **Juvenile Assessment Center Manager**, and interviews will be held in April.

The second position is for a Juvenile Assessment Center Program Assistant.

CAPACITY BUILDING

The Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) Steering Committee will meet again in April to create programspecific outlines, a new timeline to incorporate shelter zoning, and licensing schedules. New partners have been identified and included in meeting invites to assist with the shelter planning details.

PARTNERSHIPS + COLLABORATION

Pathways team members have visited **Probation** and the **Public Defenders Office** to share updates to the ISST process and incorporate requested changes by both systems.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Pathways Planning Team serves youth (birth–21), and provided the following for July 1–February 28, 2023:

- 43 E-ISST (Expedited)
- 30 T-ISST (Truant), with 15 new referrals in the last week of February
- 4 C-ISST (Child)

The **Pathways Care Team** served the following for July 1–February 28, 2023:

• Care Coordination for 78 youth (10-17)

The **4th JD plan for CYDC 23-24** was presented to The Advisory Board on March 15th and was approved. This was the first year that all 22 Judicial Districts met to present. It was an excellent opportunity to network and hear about programming in other districts and share our struggles and celebrations.



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