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JAG Career and College Readiness Programs Accomplishment Report 2017 – 2018 Program Year

JAG Career and College Readiness programs operated in Maricopa, Pima and Pinal Counties during the 2017-2018 school year. The following summary outlines the key outcomes of the program during the year.

Review of the Program

Through JAG, at risk students and graduates receive support through various intervention strategies, empowering them to improve their:

- academic skills and standing
- self-efficacy and leadership skills
- preparedness/success in college and the workforce

Through partnerships with School Districts, JAG is offered as an elective course at the high schools. Each program is spearheaded by a Program Coordinator (JAG teacher), who takes personal responsibility for the JAG students ensuring that program participants stay in school, graduate, have a career and post-secondary plan to enact after graduation and are supported for at least 1 year after graduation to successfully transition into the workforce and/or college.

Demographics and barriers of students

- In 2017 – 2018, a total of 660 high-school aged students participated in the active phase of the program, with an additional 136 young people served through the follow-up phase.
- 53% Male - 47% Female
- 1% Asian, 12% African-American, 7% American Indian, 57% Hispanic, 14% Caucasian, 9% Multi-Racial or Other
- 78% identified as receiving Free/Reduced Lunches (7% could not be identified)
- 35% live in single-parent households, with 14% living with another relative, other adult, or in a group home.
- 37% had at least one parents who did not complete high school
- 53% demonstrated low academic performance
- 49% demonstrated significant attendance problems
- 17% demonstrated discipline issues
- 33% reported other challenges at home that interfered with school and work
- 20% were homeless, runaways or in foster care



Program Outcomes

All High School Programs – In-school

Performance Outcome	National or State Standard	2017-2018
Total High School youth served		660
Increased GPA	60%	73%
Missed less than 10 days	60%	51%
Earning all Credits Attempted	60%	72%
Community Service Hours	10 Hours/Student	15 Hours/Student

**Not all sites have completed their progress reporting for end of year, figures above reflect outcomes for 488 of the 660 total students.*

All High Schools – Graduates from 2017 upon completion of follow up

Performance Outcome	National Standard	Class of 2017
Total youth in follow up		136
Graduation Rate	90%	99%
Employment Rate (of grads)	60%	84%
Total Positive Outcomes (of grads)	80%	96%
Full Time Placement (of employed grads)	80%	97%
Full Time Jobs (of employed grads)	60%	82%
Further Education Rate (of grads)	40%	61%

Other Program Highlights for the Year

- 5 JAG Coordinators were recognized at the JAG National Training Seminar in July 2018 for achieving the “5 of 5” national performance outcomes for follow up.
- 10 JAG Arizona high school students were selected to represent JAG Arizona at our National Conference in Washington, DC in November 2018.
- In April 2018, JAG hosted our largest Career Development Conference in recent years, celebrating the accomplishments of more than 550 JAG students in attendance with 150 community volunteers and guests.

