

Jeffco Prosperity Partners

Breaking the cycle of poverty in Jefferson County



A community, supporting families in moving from poverty to prosperity through a multi-generation approach.

Students to diploma and parents to self-defined prosperity.

What is JPP?

Jeffco Prosperity Partners (JPP) is a collaboration of community, school, business, government, and county partners working together to help Jefferson County families break the cycle of generational poverty. JPP assists young children and families in poverty foster educational and family success. JPP is a shared idea among partners and participating families working to reduce poverty by increasing:



School readiness



High school graduation rates & post-secondary opportunities for low income students and parents



Family self-sufficiency

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JPP IS A GIFT FOR A LIFETIME. MY KIDS WILL HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR A BETTER FUTURE THAN I HAD.

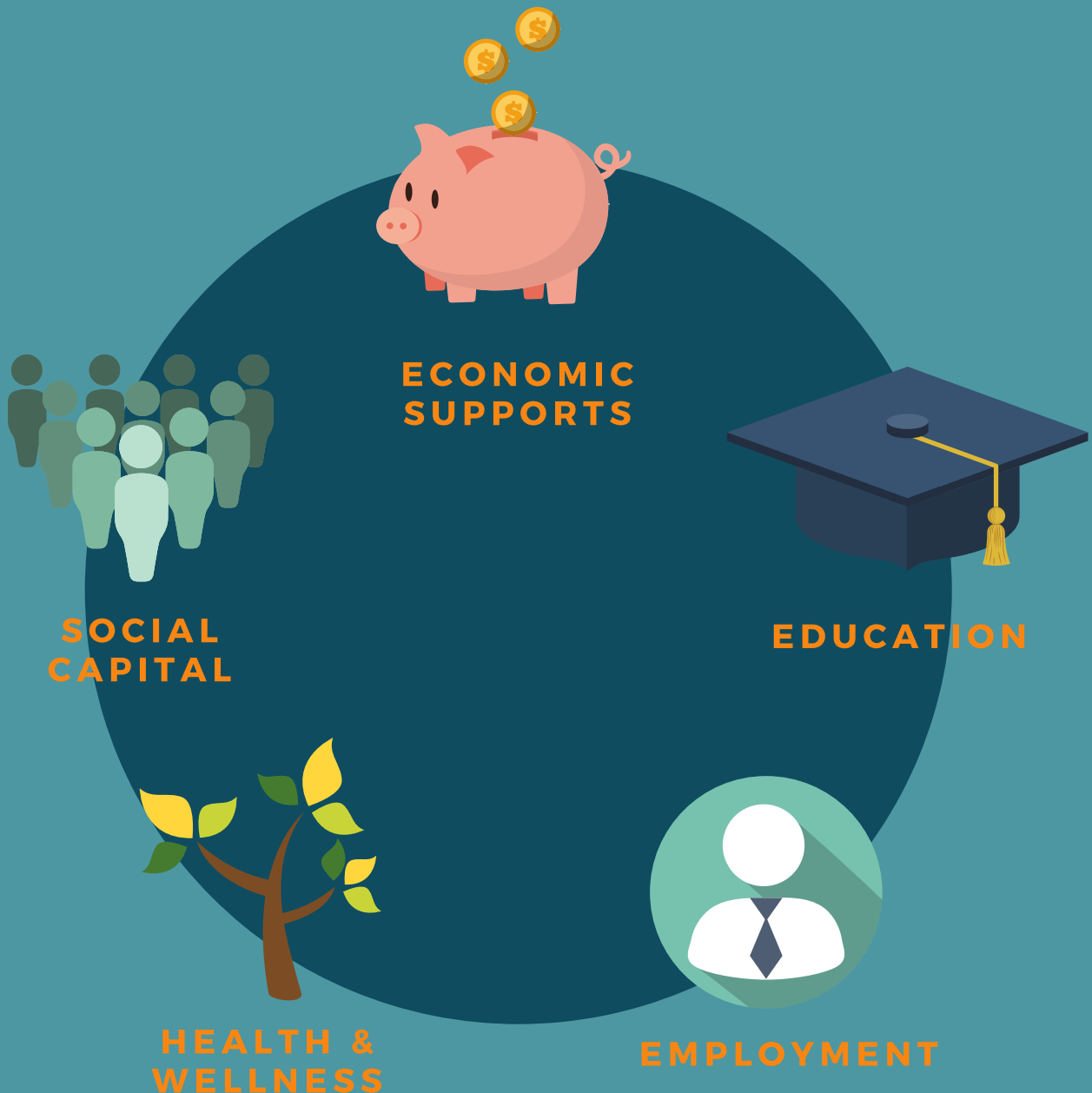
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QUALITY EDUCATION + OPPORTUNITY = SUCCESS

JPP employs a two-generation whole-family approach that focuses equally and intentionally on services and opportunities for both parents and children, using the five key areas.



JPP staff work with Head Start families who opt into the program and continue guiding them as they transition from Head Start into public schools. Each child is supported from kindergarten through high school, ensuring graduation and family achievement as defined by the family.



ECONOMIC SUPPORTS

- 34% of JPP families increased their household income, on average, by \$17,692 over the course of 3.4 years.

"GETTING OUT OF DEBT, NOT RELYING ON GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE, AND BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR MY FAMILY ARE KEYS TO SUCCESS."



EDUCATION

- Families have continued to complete educational degrees including GED/High school Diplomas, Bachelors, and Masters degrees.
- 94% of families have reported interest in continuing education to support achieving livable wage jobs.

"JPP IS THE REASON I COMPLETED MY DEGREE. THEY PROVIDED ME SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT, TUTORING, AND A LISTENING EAR WHEN I WANTED TO QUIT."



EMPLOYMENT

- JPP employment rate has increased each year.
- 69% of JPP Families are currently employed.
- From 2016 to 2018, JPP families reduced their reliance of public assistance in Medicaid, Food, and Cash Assistance due to increased wages.

"I HAVE A FULL TIME CAREER AS AN ELECTRICIAN...JPP HAS BEEN A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE FOR ME AND MY FAMILY. WITHOUT JPP AND A DREAM, NONE OF THIS COULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE."



HEALTH & WELLNESS

- Increasing Health and Well Being Is the most PREVALENT goal after education and employment.
- 71% of JPP families are working toward a health and wellness goal.
- Health and well being is an emerging component of two generation approaches because physical and mental health have a major impact on a family's ability to thrive.

"SUPPORTING YOUR MENTAL HEALTH IS AS IMPORTANT AS BREATHING OXYGEN. JPP IS SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE YOU CAN COUNT ON."



SOCIAL CAPITAL

- JPP is a community, not a program.
- Families work and learn together. Small groups have lasting impact on participant's behaviors and have helped shape current success.
- Families are expressing satisfaction and are paying it forward to other JPP families.

"JPP FAMILIES ARE DEDICATED TO HELP EACH OTHER IN ANY TIME OF NEED."

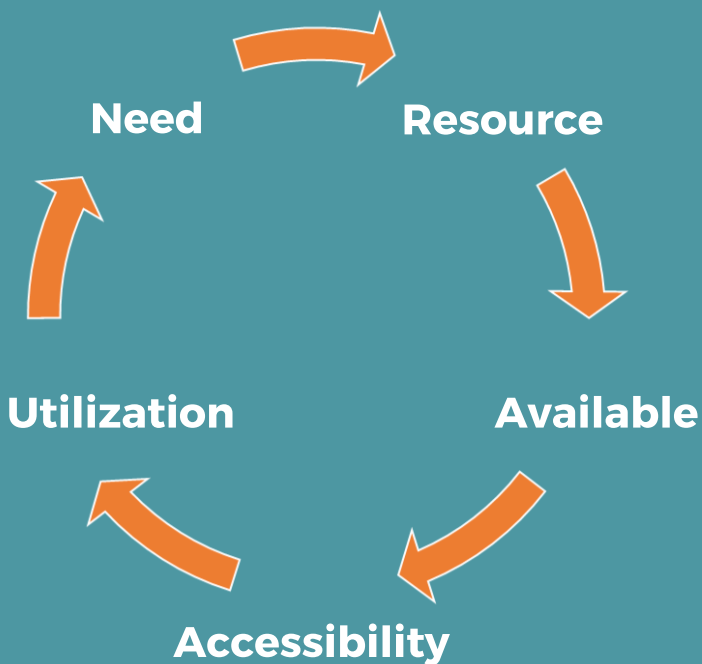
Coaching

From Case Management to Coaching

JPP promotes social equity, community networks and supports, and asset building through coaching families to identify issues and assumptions.

Each person creates a plan and works with a coach from the time their child is born, through diploma. As families identify barriers to success, the program leaves space for family voice, while adjusting and adapting in a fluid manner to meet needs.

Coaching Framework:



Families are coached through:

- Collaboration
- Transparent Relationships
- Respect & Humility (Lead the change and drive their own solutions)
- Flexibility & Adaptability



Outcomes

JPP families are celebrated for taking steps toward self-sufficiency and prosperity. Achievements in academia, employment, economic stability, and short and long term goals are all progress toward success.

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OF THE POPULATION
ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM
ARE EMPLOYED. OF THE
INDIVIDUALS NOT WORKING
4 ARE RETIRED
GRANDPARENTS, 4 ARE
ENROLLED IN CONTINUING
EDUCATION, 4 HAVE A
MEDICAL/HEALTH ISSUE

- Since **2014**:
 - **20** have completed trade/certifications for employment
 - **9** (Youth & Adults) have received a high school diploma
 - **6** have completed a GED
 - **6** have completed Associate's Degrees
 - **6** have obtained a Bachelors
 - **1** completed a Master's Degree
- Currently:
 - **9** are working towards certificates
 - **13** working towards an Associate's Degree
 - **5** working towards a Bachelor's Degree
 - **1** is getting ready to finish their Master's Degree
- From **2016** to **2018** JPP families have reduced their reliance on public assistance (Medicaid, Food, and Cash Assistance) due to increased wages.

Success Stories



Lona

I have been a JPP member for 5 years. I am a single Hispanic mother with 8 children and 8 grandchildren. I am currently a student at Metropolitan State University, obtaining a degree in Human Services with an emphasis in high-risk youth. I have been trying to obtain this degree for 8 years, and with the help of JPP I am finally accomplishing my educational goal. JPP is the reason I am going to be graduating in December 2017. In order to complete my degree I had to take a math class which almost made me quit school because it was so difficult. Without JPP's emotional support, encouragement, and tutoring services, I would not be filled with so much joy of accomplishment and success, as well as being a role model for my children.



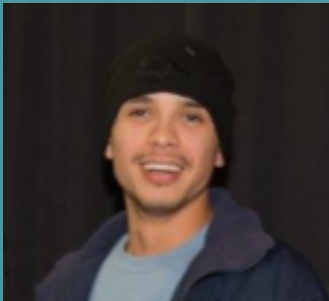
Adrianna

I am 19 years old and have been with JPP for about 5 years. I come from a large family with a single mother of 8 kids. I am Hispanic and from a family that is not exactly the "school" type. I graduated in 2016 thanks to the help of JPP and my wonderful coach Steffanne. At one point I was 11 credits short of finishing high school. I was a senior needing to double up on classes and even take online classes. JPP was always there to lend a helping hand by making sure I was organized, had the correct resources, and was mentally prepared. I truly believe that without JPP's help I would not have finished high school nor had the motivation to accomplish my dreams.



Leah

JPP has made a huge impact on my life as a single mother. Before joining JPP, I had accepted I wasn't going to finish school and obtain the Bachelor's degree I had started before having my two beautiful boys. With JPP's help, I have been able to balance being a mother, working, and going to school. I am looking forward to completing my degree and being able to start on an actual career path that, I'm hoping, will lead to not needing assistance and providing my children with opportunities for their futures as well. I know I am going to feel on top of the world when I complete my degree. I already have a non-profit in mind to develop once I'm done. I want to pay it forward and help others succeed and feel supported the way I have through JPP. The boys and I LOVE JPP!



Jeffery

I am a 27 year-old Hispanic male born and raised in Denver. JPP has been a life changing experience for my family and me. When I started with JPP I did not have a driver's license. JPP helped me obtain my license and get me on the path of self-sufficiency. As a result, I was able to find better work and enroll in college - bringing my life to a new level not only for myself but most importantly for my son. At this point I have a full-time career as an electrician and have obtained two certificates from Red Rocks Community College. I am four classes away from obtaining my A.A. in business interdisciplinary. I now have a family of my own and live in my own residence. Without JPP and a dream, none of this could have been possible.



Ed and Beverly

As grandparents raising our grandchildren, JPP has helped us be modern day third/fourth generation parents by connecting us to community resources. We were motivated by classes offered through Jefferson Center for Mental Health (JCMH). JPP created an ongoing program of educational opportunities for adults from JCMH and JPP staff, as well as a number of summer activities to keep the kids academically and physically active. JPP is always there when we need them. JPP families are dedicated to help each other in any time of need. JPP has been here for us the past 5 years and we hope until the children graduate high school and move on to college.

WHAT + IF = INFINITE POSSIBILITIES

Goals

Long term, JPP will:

- Ensure children from low-income households graduate high school on-time and have access to post-secondary opportunities.
- Create strong, self-sufficient families no longer in generational poverty.
- Reduce duplication of programs and services and reduce cost of providing these services.
- Continue to take a multi-generational, person-centered, holistic, community approach. Families play a vital role in program development and define their own success, dreams, and goals.



Get Involved

No individual organization can provide all the answers to the complex issues families encounter on their path to prosperity. From mentoring to child engagement activities, from restaurant discounts, car repair, faith community support, and so much more – YOU are a member of the JPP community.

JPP is always welcoming new community partnerships. Become involved in any way you can help. Examples include:

- Host a diaper drive
- Donate food or incentives
- Provide event space
- Volunteer as a tutor
- Provide before/after school care
- Provide summer educational enrichment programs
- Be a mentor
- Support pro-social activities
- Contribute financially
- So much more

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