

Expanding Opportunity Today and for America's Next Generation



JOBS FOR THE FUTURE

Our Vision: By 2020, JFF, working with our partners, is committed to doubling the number of low-income youth and adults who attain postsecondary credentials.

Advanced education is a prerequisite for opportunity and success in this country. The world's changing economy and America's changing demographics remind us how important it is to provide every student and working adult with the knowledge and skills to succeed. It is a matter of both economic competitiveness and equity.

JFF identifies, develops, and promotes education and workforce strategies that expand opportunity for youth and adults who are struggling to advance in America today. In 200 communities in 41 states, JFF improves the pathways leading from high school to college to family-sustaining careers. Combining research, practice, and policy, JFF provides a unifying voice advocating for the transformation of the education and workforce development fields.

To achieve our vision, JFF strives toward four key goals:

1. Graduate all high school students **COLLEGE READY**.
2. Focus on **COLLEGE SUCCESS** for students.
3. Support **CAREER ADVANCEMENT** for low-skilled workers.
4. Accelerate and scale up opportunity through **POLICY SOLUTIONS**.

In striving toward the four goals, JFF partners with hundreds of local, state, and national allies and philanthropic and public-sector supporters devoted to improving the lives of American families and strengthening our economy.



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GOAL 1



Graduate all high school students **COLLEGE READY**.

- **The Early College High School Initiative** gives underrepresented, low-income students in 212 schools across the country the chance to earn up to two years' worth of college credits while still in high school, tuition free.
- **Back on Track/GED to College** is growing a new pathway that provides students who have dropped out with the skills to succeed in postsecondary education.
- **The Institute for Student Success** prepares small school developers, leaders, and teachers to implement innovative strategies and techniques that have led to college readiness at University Park Campus School. The institute is a partnership of JFF, UPCS, and Clark University.

GOAL 2



Focus higher education on **COLLEGE SUCCESS**.

- **Achieving the Dream** helps 130 community colleges develop and implement strategies to improve student success and build a culture in which decisions are based on data about student achievement. JFF leads the state policy strand, involving 16 states.
- **The Developmental Education Initiative** includes an ambitious, three-year effort led by JFF to use policy levers to dramatically improve student success in developmental education in six *Achieving the Dream* states.
- **Breaking Through**, a partnership of JFF and the National Council for Workforce Education, enables adults with little education to prepare for and succeed in college technical programs at 33 community colleges in 18 states.
- **Career First** is a high-quality pathway that improves postsecondary outcomes for older youth, ages 18-26, and results in career-track employment in high-demand, high-wage occupations.

GOAL 3



Support low-skilled workers through **CAREER ADVANCEMENT**.

- **Connecting Literacy and Work** advances low-skilled adults in their careers by linking adult literacy programs to workforce initiatives in five communities.
- **Jobs to Careers** advances the skills and careers of frontline health care workers through work-based learning at 17 sites across the country. JFF is the National Program Office for the initiative.
- **Green Pathways**, a partnership of JFF with the AFL-CIO Working for America Institute and Wider Opportunities for Women, is building career opportunities for unemployed and disadvantaged individuals in five cities seriously affected by the economic downturn.
- **The National Fund for Workforce Solutions**, involving more than 200 foundations and 900 employers, supports regional partnerships that benefit employers, their employees, and their communities through hundreds of local partnerships. JFF is an implementation partner.

GOAL 4



Accelerate opportunity through **POLICY SOLUTIONS**.

JFF advocates for key federal and state education and workforce policies that support the design, testing, and implementation of programs that move us toward the goals of **College Ready**, **College Success**, and **Career Advancement**. Policy and practice go hand-in-hand to create an environment of educational and workforce opportunity.