

WHO IS TRANSITION SERVICES?

Transition Service is an extension of the Jobs for Americas' Graduates of Kansas Program (JAG-K) who serve youth in the following areas:

- Foster Care
- System involved youth (DCF)
- Unstably housed (live outside of their biological parents home)
- Youth involved in Juvenile Justice program
- Students who could use additional supports

This program is funded by Kansas Department of Children & Families (TANF) and works in corporation with the Kansas Department of Education to help increase successful outcomes for students in the above mentioned areas.

The JAG-K Transition Services has a dedicated Transition Specialist assigned to youth. The student spends most of their academic day enrolled in a local public school, however, students attending a virtual learning environment can also participate in Transition Services. Contact between youth and specialist are conducted on a weekly basis and supports are provided based upon the needs of the student. Partnerships between school personnel and caseworkers help determine what supports individual students need, and what course of action will give students the best chance for success. If students are relocated to another school, Transition Specialist will ensure proper services are carried over to the new location and assist with any new barriers the student might encounter



A 12-Month follow-up program is part of services provided to participants



Specialists stay with students regardless of placement



Specialist meets with students weekly to provide supports

WHAT

SERVICES DO WE PROVIDE TO STUDENTS?



Academics

Many students fall behind in high school credits because of relocation of placement. Specialists work with youth to ensure they stay on track to graduate.



Consistent Support

Regardless of placement, youth will be partnered with the same transition specialist throughout their duration in the program. This will ensure consistent supports are provided and youth are able to maintain a consistent influence in their educational journey.



Partnerships

Specialist will work with case providers and school personnel to ensure supports are provided to students regardless of placement



Workforce Development

Job skill development and employer engagement are key components in the JAG-K organization. Specialist will work with students individually to determine skills needed for job market success.



Over the past 5 years, foster youth in the JAG-K program have a 95% graduation rate



WHERE

CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION

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ABOUT

JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES OF KANSAS

Jobs for America's Graduates-Kansas (JAG-K) is a 501(c)3 organization which prepares students for successful futures. Our goal is to help students facing various barriers to success, overcome those barriers, graduate from high school and get on a successful career path.

JAG-K provides an in-school, elective class that is taught by a trained JAG-K Career Specialist. This Career Specialist provides individual and group instruction to 35-45 students in the classroom using the competency-based JAG National Curriculum. The Career Specialist teaches JAG-K students employability skills, career and leadership development skills and helps with academic remediation. Additionally, JAG-K students complete at least 10 hours of community service each year.

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We provide support and services to some

of the most at-risk and underserved youth in the State of Kansas

WHY

SHOULD YOU GET INVOLVED?



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