



★ BERNSTEIN COMPLEX

Youth Policy Institute was awarded one of only 7 Pathway to Justice Careers (PJC) Grants nationwide by the U.S. Department of Labor in July 2016.

The LAPZ PJC grant will serve 250 students in the Los Angeles Promise Zone's Helen Bernstein High School Complex in Hollywood over the course of 33 months ending in March 2019.

GOALS:

- 1) 250 participants served within the LAPZ
- 2) 238 participants receive at least 6 months of mentoring
- 3) 225 participants receive a grantee/partner service each month
- 4) 80% of students receive their high school diploma or equivalency
- 5) 200 participants will be placed in a paid Summer Employment opportunity
- 6) 238 participants do NOT become engaged or re-engaged with the criminal justice system during the PJC program
- 7) 125 participants receive CPR/First Aid Certification

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES:

Using a 9 month cohort model, the LAPZ PJC program will provide case management and supportive services designed to assist participants in developing an education and/or career plan leading to employment in either emergency services, public safety, or law fields. Cohorts will involve 6 months of program and 3 months of follow-up.

- **Academics:** participants will be provided one-on-one and group tutoring, study skill workshops, academic counseling, SAT & ACT test preparation, college campus tours, and financial aid application workshops.
- **Mentorships:** participants will receive a mentor from the emergency service fields for a minimum of 6 months, receive weekly mentoring sessions, networking opportunities, and participate in various mentor-mentee activities.
- **Case Management:** participants will be assigned a Case Manager who develop an Individualized Service Strategy within 30 days of enrolling into the program and may be provided the following supportive services:
 - Record Expungement or Sealing
 - Transportation Assistance
 - Childcare and healthcare referrals
 - Emergency bill-pay or food assistance
 - Purchasing of supplies, attire, or other program related costs
 - Matched Savings Accounts
- **Workforce Development:** participants will be provided work readiness workshops, career exploration, resume building, volunteer opportunities, paid summer employment opportunities, and industry recognized certification courses

ELIGIBILITY:

- Between 16-21 years of age
- Enrolled at Bernstein HS, APEX Academy, STEM Academy, or Alonzo CDS and within 2 years of graduation
- Part of a low income family
- Right-to-work in the U.S.
- Involvement in the Criminal Justice system or Low GPA, poor school attendance, discipline problems, special education, low reading or math skills, low standardized test scores

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