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 JPP Coach. 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. I joined JPP around May of 2016 and started talking with my JPP Coach about my goals. 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. It’s nice to have my coach there to talk to about what’s going on. Often times, the coach has great suggestions on what I can do to help particular situations; whether that be advice on changing thinking patterns as far as self-doubt, or information about programs I might be able to take advantage of to help me succeed in accomplishing my goals. 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.

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