Learning financial capability during young adulthood can help ingrain habits of saving, money management and mainstream banking for a lifetime and build a pathway out of poverty and into successful adulthood. Our data show that Opportunity Passport participants have:

- **Higher odds of reporting adequate transportation:** 2.7x
- **Higher odds of reporting stable housing:** 1.7x
- **Higher odds of reporting employment with vehicle asset:** 1.6x
- **Higher odds of being in school:** 2.9x
- **Higher odds of reporting employment:** 1.6x

With knowledge of how the adolescent brain matures, adults are empowered to ensure that the road leaving foster care will take young people to self-sufficiency and successful adulthood. Read our report *The Road to Adulthood* to learn more.

Jim Casey Young Fellows

Young Fellows, who are trained in leadership and advocacy skills, play an integral role in developing our strategies and recommendations for improving child welfare systems.


The Jim Casey Initiative's approach, rooted in adolescent brain research, employs best practices to engage young people in the decisions that shape their lives; apply a racial and ethnic equity lens to reduce system-level disparities; leverage community partnerships to develop resources; use data and evaluation of progress to improve outcomes; and build public will to create better policies that sustain enhancements over time.

**BEST PRACTICES**

- **Authentic Youth Engagement**
- **Racial and ethnic equity and inclusion**
- **Partnerships and resources**
- **Data, Accountability and Communications**
- **Public will and policy**

**PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS**

- **Opportunity Passport™**

- **EDUCATION**
  - 2.9x higher odds of reporting being in school

- **VEHICLES**
  - 2.7x higher odds of reporting adequate transportation

- **HOUSING**
  - 1.7x higher odds of reporting stable housing

- **EMPLOYMENT**
  - 1.6x higher odds of reporting employment with vehicle asset

**JIM CASEY YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES INITIATIVE**
WHO WE ARE

The Annie E. Casey Foundation’s Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative works to ensure that young people — ages 14 to 26 — in the United States who have spent at least one day in foster care after their 14th birthday have the resources, relationships and opportunities to achieve well-being and success. The Jim Casey Initiative does this by creating opportunities for young people to form permanent family connections, experience stable housing, achieve positive outcomes in education, become economically secure and make informed decisions about when to begin parenting.

MEASURING SUCCESS

Because the Jim Casey Initiative uses data to drive its decision making and strategy development, it has become a leader in the collection of data from young people who are in or have been in foster care after the age of 14. We closely monitor this data to better understand how young people are faring and what more needs to be done to ensure they are thriving as they transition into adulthood.

WHY WE DO THE WORK

The Jim Casey Initiative advances strategies that help young people break the cycle and build pathways out of poverty — and works to prioritize permanent connections to family as they transition out of foster care. We know that young people who have experienced foster care are less likely to finish high school or become employed and more likely to experience homelessness or early parenting than their peers who haven’t been in foster care. We also know we can do better. It is through our collective action that we can ensure all young people who have experienced foster care have a rock-solid foundation that will propel them toward future success.