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“The secret of getting ahead is getting started.
The secret of getting started is breaking your complex, overwhelming tasks into small, manageable tasks, and then starting on the first one.”
Mark Twain

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EDUCATION ADVOCATE PROGRAM



EDUCATION ADVOCATE OVERVIEW

Our Education Advocates (EAs) work to enroll and re-engage adjudicated youth into school. Our goal is to ease the transition from justice institutions to community and school based settings. We connect youth to necessary resources as well as support them in creating and achieving academic and life goals. This is all possible with the cooperation and participation of school administrators, counselors, and other community members. Together we work to reduce recidivism among our youth and increase their chance of academic and personal success.

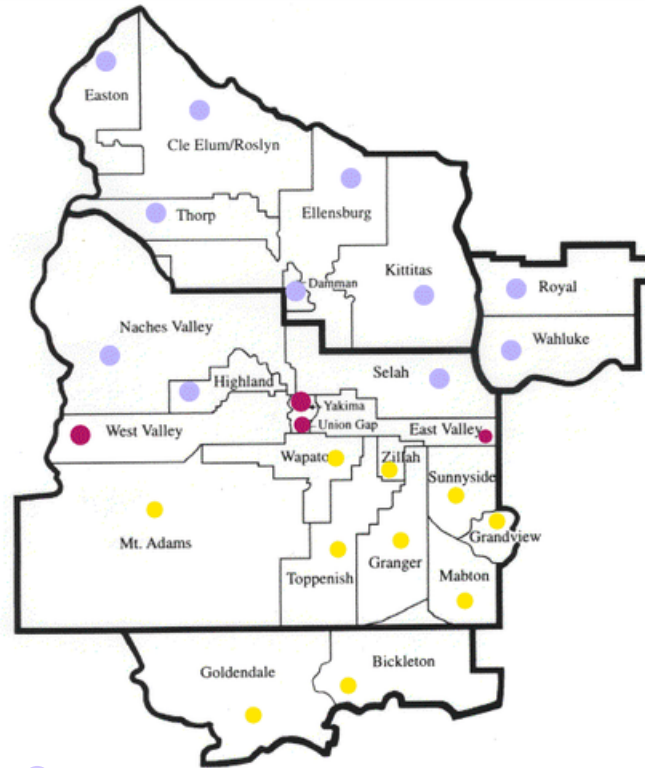
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WHO WE SERVE

- Youth ages 10-21
- Youth with previous criminal justice involvement
- Youth on active probation/parole
- Youth transitioning out of juvenile justice facilities

REGIONAL ADVOCATES



- Jasmin
- Lezly/Francisco
- Amanda

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVOCATES

In addition to our 4 regional Advocates, our program provides services to four middle schools in Yakima County. With one Advocate stationed at each middle school, we can provide more intensive services. Services can also extend to other middle schools in the region as needed.

SERVICES WE PROVIDE

- Provide transitional services
- Conduct home visits
- Assess student needs
- Link youth to services in schools
- Support academic progress
- Provide mentoring
- Support post-secondary schooling opportunities
- Offer alternative learning options
- Refer youth to additional resources
- Teach Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) skills

REFERRAL PROCESS

Referrals can be sent by parole officers, probation counselors, school staff, community members, and family. All referrals are made through our electronic referral form. Upon completion, our Referral Coordinator will assign an Education Advocate to each youth depending on residence location.

REFERRAL
CODE

