



# 2015 SIF Classic Grantee: The Annie E. Casey Foundation

## FAST FACTS

**Award Year**  
2015

**Total SIF Investment**  
\$4,500,000

**Focus Area**  
Youth Development

**Outcome Category**  
Youth Postsecondary  
Education and  
Employment

**Targeted  
Beneficiaries**  
“System involved”  
underserved youth ages  
14-25

**Targeted Geography**  
National

## SIF Portfolio Summary

“System-involved” youth—individuals aged 14-25 who are transitioning from foster care, are involved in the child welfare or juvenile justice system, or are homeless—face an uncertain and difficult future without access to the support and opportunities that help them become successful adults.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation’s Learn and Earn to Achieve Potential (LEAP) program adapts and integrates key parts of two intervention models that support system-involved youth in connecting to postsecondary education and employment. The Jobs for America’s Graduates model prepares the youth for school and work, while Jobs for the Future’s Back on Track model provides academic enrichment and other support programs to help young people complete high school and build paths to careers by earning a postsecondary degree or credential.

Through the 2015 SIF Classic grant award, The Annie E. Casey Foundation’s LEAP initiative will reach 3,000-5,000 youth in transition with the resources they need to advance toward postsecondary education and secure employment. In partnership with MDRC, the initiative’s early stage evaluation advisor, the Casey Foundation will also test and build evidence on the interventions that produce positive outcomes for youth in terms of education and employment.

In the next several months, the Casey Foundation and its partners will seek proposals from nonprofit organizations to receive subgrants of up to \$200,000 a year for a period of three to five years. The selected organizations will expand their reach to more system-involved youth and participate in evaluations to help identify what works best in this specific area of youth development.



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# About the Annie E. Casey Foundation

The Annie E. Casey Foundation is a private philanthropy that creates a brighter future for the nation's children by developing solutions to strengthen families, build paths to economic opportunity and transform struggling communities into safer and healthier places to live, work, and grow. The Casey Foundation advances research and solutions to overcome barriers to success, help communities demonstrate what works, and influence decision makers to invest in strategies based on solid evidence.

Based in Baltimore and working across the country, the Foundation makes grants that help federal agencies, states, counties, cities, and neighborhoods create more innovative, cost-effective responses to the issues that negatively affect children: poverty, unnecessary disconnection from family, and communities with limited access to opportunity.



A student examines the mechanics of a car engine during a course.

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