



## ***Jobs for America's Graduates Kentucky (JAG KY) 2022-2023 Annual Report***

Jobs for America's Graduates Kentucky (JAG KY) showed an increase in program growth and funding during FY23. This was made possible by steps taken to do the following activities, creating a 2024-2028 Growth Plan Overview, Growth Strategy, Recruiting of Partners, Growth of Staff, Marketing, and Funding, including sustainable and new revenue streams.

JAG KY is a 501c (3) organization which serves the Commonwealth's most in-need high and middle school students. Through a designed curriculum made up of 37 core competencies and a total of 81 competencies, students learned employability and soft skills which enabled them to prepare for the workforce, postsecondary education, trade school, or the military. All positive outcomes are celebrated and encouraged as JAG KY students made a resounding impact on their local communities, filling in-need positions at local employers, strengthening their communities.

With JAG KY students having a 100% graduation rate for the last 11 years, the programs have shown their effectiveness and success from Pikeville to Paducah. Top employers such as Toyota, AT&T, T. Marzetti, and Marathon have invested in these students to ensure programs are established in hopes of building a stronger workforce.

JAG KY added fifteen (15) new programs during the FY23, bringing its total to 83 programs in 46 counties serving more than 5,600 students throughout the Commonwealth. The goal of the organization is for every high and middle school to have a JAG program serving the most vulnerable students who want to be successful but have significant barriers to success.

By continuing to add JAG programs in local school districts, local economies will be strengthened, and communities will thrive. JAG KY is part of the solution in keeping Kentucky's workforce ready for the future and its students actively engaged to do their part.