

Spring 2023

We hope you enjoy this regular update from the team at Keys to Independence.

Just a reminder: As the school year draws to a close, it's time to consider enrolling in the Keys to Independence program. Summer break is a great time to take steps towards earning your driver's permit or license... and K2I can help. Contact us at info@keystoindependence.org.

We honor the legacy of Nancy Detert.

As a state legislator, Nancy worked tirelessly to increase the level of services available to youth in foster care. Her work led to the creation of programs including extended foster care and our very own <u>Keys to Independence</u> program.



Changes for the K2I team!

When K2I services were extended to include Florida youth experiencing homelessness earlier this year, we were able to grow our team to serve this additional population.

Many of you know Elias Quintana, our fabulous K2I Marketing and Communications Coordinator. He is still on the team but is now heading up services for the youth experiencing homelessness population. Congratulations Elias!

We'd also like to introduce our newest team members:

Michael Cornell *Keys to Independence Coordinator*

Michael joined the team in January and works with our young people experiencing foster care.



Jasmine Colon

Keys to Independence Marketing and Communications Coordinator

Jasmine also joined the team in January.

She works alongside Elias with our young people

experiencing homelessness.





Keys Stats Since 2014:

- Over 9,000 youth have enrolled!
- Over 2,300 permits were issued!
- Over 1,300 driver's licenses have been earned!

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Educating Our Community









The team has been busy educating our community about K2I program, which now serves youth experiencing homelessness as well as foster care.

Now that we're able to travel extensively again, the team have attended events at Westgate Resort in Orlando and Ways for Life in Brevard; and they've presented to the Florida statewide Guardians ad Litem and the Lighthouse Resource Center!

Time to celebrate the addition of the new population!

In just 4 short months, we have already enrolled **100 youth** experiencing homelessness!



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