Jasmin’s Story:

Future Lawyer Shares How a Second Chance Reshaped Her Life

Jasmin was a bright and promising student with dreams and goals for the future. But hanging out with kids who were making poor choices led her to do the same.

As a teenager, Jasmin’s actions landed her in juvenile court and threatened to derail her future. Thankfully, the judge hearing her case was a firm believer in second chances for young people like her. He referred Jasmin to the Detention Diversion Advocacy Program (DDAP), our community-based program that currently works with the juvenile courts in Boston, Chelsea, Holyoke and Springfield.

Participating in DDAP meant Jasmin would not go to detention as long as she successfully completed the program and stayed out of trouble. She could remain in her community, at home and in her home school.

“DDAP worked because they never judged me or gave up on me. They gave me the second chance I needed. From the first day I met the staff in the courtroom until I completed the program – and still today – they continue to be a great resource and influence on my life and are always there for me.”

Now a mother of two and a certified dental assistant working full-time and attending college, Jasmin has plans to go to law school. She is proud to be attending Northeastern University in the fall of 2019. “I will always be grateful to RFK Children’s Action Corps and am happy to still have them in my life.”

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