

Evolve502

Evolve502 is a local education non-profit, working to make sure every eligible JCPS student can pursue the dream of going to college.

Their mission? ***“Provide the caring, belief, access and support each student needs to achieve and succeed and will work to remove and mitigate the systemic barriers of poverty and institutional racism.”***

They provide:

--Scholarships and grants to JCPS graduates

--“Cradle to Career Support” that includes

Extended Day/Year Program

Early Childhood and Preschool Education

Family Support Services

Workforce Training

Enrichment Activities

College Access/Persistence Support

Tutoring Services

--Summer reading and math learning opportunities to keep students on track. More than 2,000 students participated in summer programs in 2019.

--Integrated education data (with the United Community platform), making Louisville the first community to braid together data from education, health and human services to flag students who fall off track and match them and their families with critical interventions.

They are a pillar for justice and equitable treatment for our Black community. So much so, Evolve502 was awarded part of the grant funds from the organizers and authors of “A Path Forward.”

Evolve502 uses three strategies to drive their work:

Systems — Take a systems view, using data and best practices to identify gaps along the pathway to student achievement and success and work directly with organizations to implement solutions.

Scholarships — Raise \$50 million so that every eligible JCPS graduate can get a tuition-free, two-year college degree, technical credential or workforce certification at any Kentucky Community or Technical College, or at Simmons College of Kentucky, our city's historically black college. The scholarships also include opportunity grants for those graduates from families with incomes less than \$40,000 to assist with expenses outside of tuition.

Supports — Organize partner agencies to implement wrap-around services and supports to ensure that every child in our community has the tools and guidance needed from cradle to career.

For more information about Evolve502, visit <https://evolve502.org/>