

BUILDING PATHWAYS TO LONG TERM SUCCESS

Ada County Juvenile Services changes lives and keeps kids out of the system



During the June graduation ceremony at Ada County Juvenile Services for students who received their high school diploma or passed their GED, Programs Manager Jeff Schatz held up his high school diploma from 1982. "This is not just a piece of paper,"

Schatz told those attending the ceremony. "This diploma says a lot about a person. It says you can stick with something and accomplish a goal. A diploma or a GED says you have what it takes to not quit. That piece of paper tells a potential employer that you have staying power."



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17 year old Riley Koslowski with his Grandparents Harold and Terri.



In one year the teachers, staff, and leadership at Ada County Juvenile Services have guided and mentored 22 kids as they finished high school, or earned a GED. This annual graduation is a way to acknowledge the hard work required by youth who may face additional challenges.

17 year old Riley Koslowski was just one of the graduates this year. He was proud to have his grandparents attend the ceremony and watch him take the next step in his career. Riley says he wants to save up money and get a business degree and then open a restaurant.

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Idaho Education News covered the graduation ceremony and interviewed key players who make Ada County Juvenile Services a community success story. <https://www.idahoednews.org/news/ada-county-staff-connects-kids-to-classrooms-instead-of-prison-cells/>



Pictured L-R Programs Manager Jeff Schatz, Teacher Kristi Swanson, Program Supervisor Deonda Thompson, Director Juvenile Services Alison Tate