DREAM BIG

The “I Have A Dream” Foundation helps children from low-income communities achieve their full potential through mentoring, tutoring, social/emotional support and academic enrichment, along with guaranteed tuition assistance for higher education.

Founded in 1981, IHDF maintains a network of 16 affiliates across the U.S. and New Zealand. We’ve provided assistance to over **18,000 Dreamers** in over **200 programs**—and counting.

Academic Success

Support Networks

Social & Emotional Life Skills

Career Readiness

Health & Wellness

Civic Engagement

Financial Literacy & Resources

Our Core Componenents

+ Long-Term: Consistent support from no later than third grade through college completion.
+ Individualized: Outcome-driven, grade level appropriate services & programming.
+ Community Focus: Opportunities for service learning.
+ Need Based: Focus on students from low-income communities.
+ Inclusive: Including all students in a class, grade, or school, regardless of ability or performance.
+ Mentorship: Consistent relationship with a supportive adult.
+ Family engagement, regardless of language barriers.
+ Guaranteed tuition support for college.

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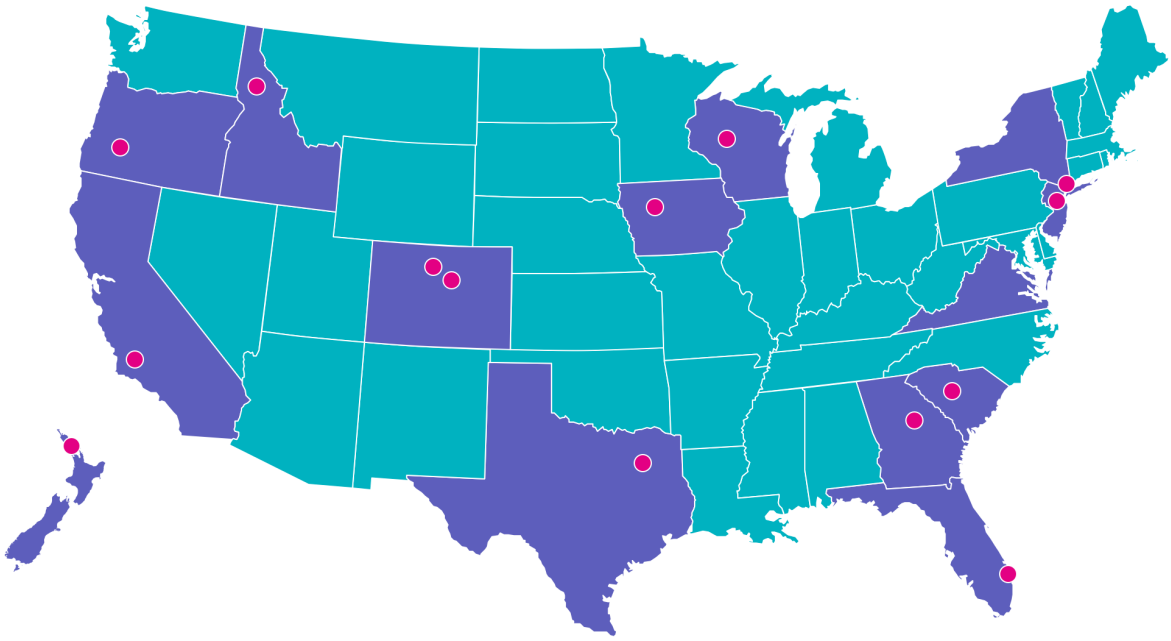
“I HAVE A DREAM” FOUNDATION®
Educate. Empower. Achieve.

Our Network

We currently support a network of 16 affiliates in 11 states and in New Zealand, serving over 5,000 Dreamers in every grade from Kindergarten through Post-Secondary.



THE NEED

Only **9%** of students from low-income families earn a Bachelor's degree, compared to **77%** of their high-income peers.

65% of children with parents lacking a high school diploma live in poverty.

25 Million children in U.S. public schools are low-income.

THE IMPACT

3x

Dreamers are nearly **3x more likely** to earn a Bachelor's degree than low-income peers.

90% of Dreamers complete high school, compared to **70%** of their low-income peers. This represents an additional **$2.9 billion** in lifetime earnings.

$1M

People with college degrees earn about **$1 Million** more over their lifetimes than those who do not earn college degrees.

"Nothing you do will ever go to waste. The ripple effects can be beyond imagination."

-FOUNDER, EUGENE M. LANG