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## **Matching grants will lift program for juveniles**

The Portland Children's Investment Fund and Meyer Memorial Trust have announced they will provide matching grants of \$325,000 to fund the Juvenile Rights Project's SchoolWorks Program. This allocation is the second by the Children's Investment Fund's \$3 million Leverage Fund, which was created to partner with private funds for a concentrated effort in serving Portland's youth.

Through SchoolWorks, children in foster care and youths in the juvenile justice system receive educational advocacy and social services coordination to ensure they regularly attend class and receive the education services they need to succeed in school.

The combined \$650,000 grants will help the program expand by extending the range of children served from the current ages 8 to 15 to ages 5 to 18.