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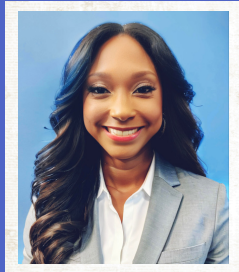
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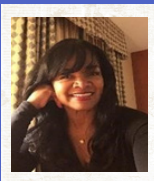
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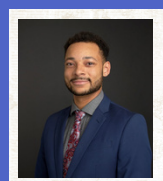
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YOUTH ADVOCACY FOUNDATION

The Youth Advocacy Foundation was established in 2001 with the mission of protecting and advancing the legal and human rights of children to promote their healthy development through active partnerships with local communities. YAF supports initiatives and positions to ensure that every child has access to zealous legal representation, essential and vibrant community-based services, and a quality education.



The EdLaw Project exists to ensure that the most vulnerable children in Massachusetts--court-involved youth from low-income families, often with disabilities, and predominantly children of color--have equitable access to a quality education by providing legal representation in matters of school discipline, academic failure, and unmet special education needs. EdLaw offers training and support to court-appointed attorneys across the state to help them incorporate education advocacy into their practice. EdLaw attorneys are organized by region, and support the 1000 person juvenile bar that represents the 20-25,000 kids involved in the child welfare or juvenile justice systems. By advancing education advocacy, the EdLaw Project seeks to address one of the root causes of the school-to-prison pipeline: children being pushed out of or failing in school. As a result of the work of the EdLaw attorneys, many children are remaining in school with the services they need to thrive.

EVENT PROGRAM

Brown v. Board of Education: 70 Years Later

"THE IMPORTANCE OF ADVOCATES": A STUDENT STORY

Edith Bazile & Elijah Williams

WELCOME

Crystal Haynes, Emcee

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LETTER FROM THE YOUTH ADVOCACY FOUNDATION

Dear Friends,

Thank you for once again joining us at our annual celebration! This is a time to celebrate and recognize all that has been accomplished and remind us of the challenges ahead.

As many of you know the Youth Advocacy Foundation (YAF) was established in 2001 with the mission of protecting and advancing the legal and human rights of children to promote their healthy development through active partnerships with local communities. For 22 years, YAF remained focused on this mission, primarily through the establishment and growth of the EdLaw Project – a group of attorneys dedicated to ensuring that all court-involved youth have access to expert education advocacy. In June, in recognition of the important role EdLaw plays in youth public defense, CPCS (the state public defender) made EdLaw a permanent part of the CPCS organization. Going forward, we can be confident that education advocacy will be included in zealous youth advocacy.

Fiscal Year 2024 has been a year of change and growth for YAF. The movement of the EdLaw attorneys into CPCS allows YAF to focus on the next generation of school-to-prison pipeline disruption initiatives including providing social service support for our education clients, assisting our clients facing emergency needs that are interfering with their ability to succeed in school, funding legal and technology tools as well as paralegal and intake support for the EdLaw attorneys, and attacking the racial, class and ethnic disparities we see in education, family regulation, policing, and the judicial and youth detention systems.

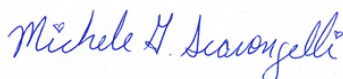
In the past year, among many accomplishments, we have been able to:

- Hire two social service advocates to work with the families that EdLaw represents;
- Fund the VOICES group (see description later in the program);
- Fund legal tools and technology for attorneys;
- Establish a Client Assistance Fund to support clients in need of food, transportation, housing, supplies, independent education evaluations, etc.;
- Provide funding for summer legal internships;
- Provide a mechanism for distribution of Emerging Adult pilot client funds.

In the coming year, we will continue these initiatives, plus bring on a paralegal to manage our HELP Line. We will also begin the process of creating an initiative and position to attack structural racism in our family regulation, education, policing, judicial, and carceral systems. All of this work augments and supports the work of the EdLaw Project and is taking our mission to shut down the *cradle-to-prison* pipeline to the next level. Thanks to your support we will be able to provide even more support to our state's most vulnerable youth and drive better outcomes for individual students and system wide.

Children and youth who are given a meaningful opportunity to succeed in school are overwhelmingly likely to go to college and/or into the work force. Equitable education for all leads to a substantial reduction in the number of people imprisoned in our state and nation and to pathways out of poverty for families and communities of color. As we fight for education equity for the most vulnerable children in the state, your continued support is critical. We appreciate you joining in the fight and are thrilled that we can once more celebrate together!

With Deepest Gratitude,





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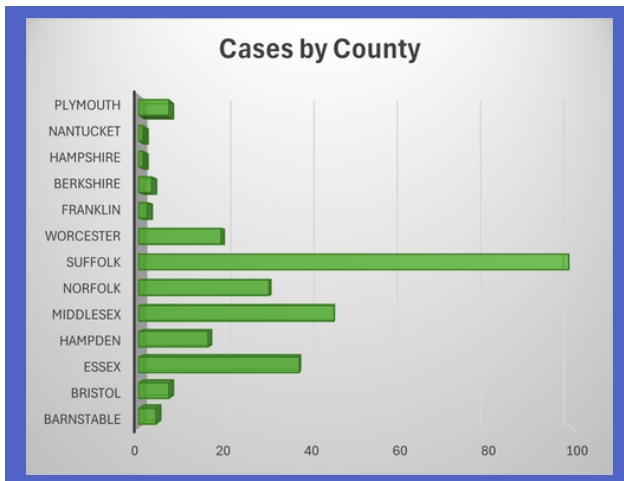
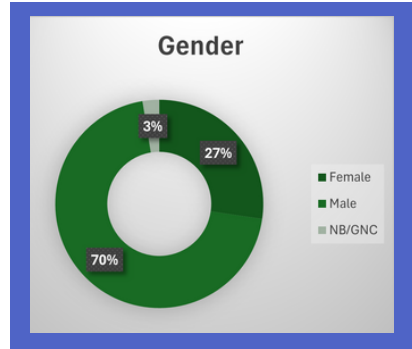
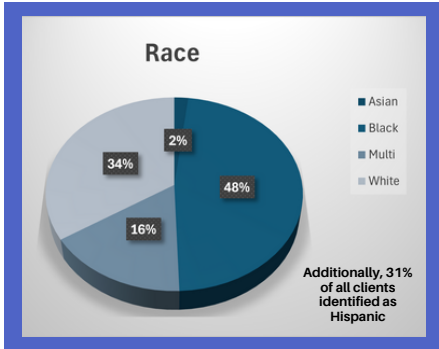
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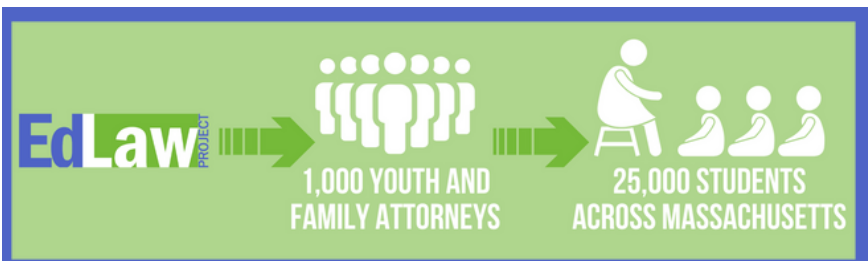
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120 new cases opened

271 cases touched including 52 pro bono cases



530 requests for technical assistance



15 trainings for 1,584 participants



V.O.I.C.E.S.

Voices of Impacted Communities Ending the School-to-Prison-Pipeline

The VOICES Project, the YAF initiative funded by the Schott Foundation and in partnership with I Have a Future (IHAF), is an opportunity for parents and students who have been targeted by the school-to-prison pipeline to come together. The mission of the group is to identify systemic challenges, advocate for educational change, and support members of their community facing education challenges. VOICES has seventeen members, fourteen young people and three caregivers. They meet in person monthly.



Thank you to Adrienne Young, Keturah Brewster, Alaa Saeo and Noor Toraif for helping uplift youth and families in your thoughtful planning and support of VOICES.

The group has defined the school-to-prison pipeline together:

The school-to-prison pipeline is a “systematic” process of victimizing youth of color who may be facing other forms of structural oppression (be facing homelessness, foster care, low-income families but not exclusive to these issues) through stereotypes, harsh and unequal punishment, and lack of resources that escalate into sending them to law enforcement or other punitive systems and ultimately setting them up for failure.

EMCEE & MODERATOR

CRYSTAL HAYNES

EMMY AWARD WINNING JOURNALIST



Crystal Haynes is an Emmy award winning journalist with nearly 20 years of broadcast experience. Her award-winning work has focused on equity in education, the housing crisis and maternal health. Crystal is one of the hosts of Greater Boston and Basic Black on GBH. She is also a part-time lecturer at Northeastern University. Combining her experience in media with a passion for advocacy, Crystal is also the Senior Communications Director for the United Way of Massachusetts Bay. She is an active member of her community, serving as the Chair of the Arlington Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance Committee, member of the Boston Association of Black Journalists, NAACP, and is a trained facilitator in gender-based violence prevention and

incidents in racism through Northeastern University's Center for Sport in Society.

Crystal holds a B.S. in Broadcast Journalism from Emerson College, and a Masters degree in Media Advocacy from Northeastern University's College of Arts, Media and Design. Crystal grew up in Springfield, MA, but has called Arlington home since 2017 joining her husband and his family who have lived in town for more than four generations.

BROWN V. BOARD PANELISTS

EDITH BAZILE

FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BLACK ADVOCATES FOR
EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE (BAEE)



Edith served 32 years in Boston Public Schools in various roles including SLP, lead special education teacher, literacy specialist, Program Manager for Secondary ELA & Literacy, and Senior Program Director of Professional Development-Special Education. Edith received a Service Excellence Award from BPS and merit status while teaching in UMASS-Boston's Graduate School of Education. She designed and taught courses in the Boston Teacher Residency Program, and BPS' Pathway Program. Edith was saluted by the Boston Globe in 2022, and awarded an Official Resolution by the Boston City Council in recognition of her "lifetime commitment to fight for racial equity" in 2023. She presented at HGSE Askwith Forum with historian Dr. Vanessa

Siddle Walker and presented at American Educational Research Association's AERA national conference. She is past president of Black Educators Alliance of Massachusetts and founder of Black Advocates for Educational Excellence, LLC.

Edith co-chaired BPS' Advanced Work Classroom Task Force and served on BPS' McKinley Schools Working Group. She currently serves on DESE's Special Education Advisory Panel and Boston Mayor's Literacy Task Force. Edith is a freelance writer, poet and enjoys powerlifting.

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DR. CHARLES GRANDSON

FOUNDER & CEO OF GLOBAL ECOSYSTEM LEADERSHIP



Dr. Charles Grandson is the Founder and CEO of Global Ecosystem Leadership (GEL), a midsize management, strategy, and racial equity think tank. Previously he served as the Boston Public Schools (BPS) Superintendent's representative in monitoring strategic plan implementation and designee for the implementation of the Opportunity & Achievement Gaps policy in supporting the work of the Office of Opportunity Gaps, Office of Equity, Office of Strategy & Innovation, and the Office of Retention, Cultivation & Diversity. Having previously served as BPS Chief Academic Officer and before that, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Grandson leveraged his experiences across academics and operations to support the Superintendent in

the development and execution of the district-wide strategic plan with equity at the center of all district initiatives and operations.

Before returning to BPS in 2017, Dr. Grandson was Interim Superintendent of the Malden Public Schools, Deputy Superintendent of the Poughkeepsie City School District in New York, Associate Director of Leadership Development at the Harvard Kennedy School Center for Public Leadership, and a turnaround high school principal in Springfield. He began his career in education as a BPS humanities teacher at the West Roxbury Education Complex. Dr. Grandson has earned Ed.D., M.Ed., and BA degrees all from Boston College, where he was also a Donovan Urban Teaching Scholar. He serves on various non-profit boards and has served as an adjunct lecturer at various New England colleges & universities.

AARON OLAPADE

MEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER

& MAYOR'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM DIRECTOR (MYEP) FOR THE CITY OF MALDEN



Aaron's journey is a testament to the power of education and community. Since arriving in Medford in 2013, he has dedicated himself to driving progress and unity in the area. Aaron has taken on various roles, including community liaison, team captain in Medford, legislative aide in the Massachusetts State House, youth coordinator, and serving underrepresented youth with City Year Boston. His work has highlighted his determination to make a positive difference through service.

As a Medford native, Aaron understands the importance of respecting the area's heritage while envisioning a future filled with growth and innovation. With his experience in the

Medford schools, as an advocate for youth, and as someone intimately familiar with the struggles faced by the community, Aaron is uniquely positioned to shape a better tomorrow. Now as a newly-elected member of the Medford School Committee, he hopes to enact real systemic change for his city, and all those who call it theirs.

SPECIAL GUESTS

ALONDRA BOBADILLA

2020 – 2022 BOSTON YOUTH POET LAUREATE

Alondra Bobadilla was named Boston's first-ever Youth Poet Laureate in January of 2020. Alondra uses her writing to highlight social issues that impact her and her community. Through her own work, she demonstrates how creative expression can be a powerful tool for youth to examine feelings around issues, find their voice, and speak up about the changes they want to see for their future. She is the author of a collection of poems entitled "With Clipped Wings" and is a student at UMass Boston majoring in International Relations. She has also been serving as a director on YAF's Board of Directors since January 2023.



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OUR OPENING MUSICIANS

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XAVIER TREVOR



Xavier Trevor is a 12-year old in 6th grade at Saint Paul's Choir School in Cambridge, where he sings daily and Sunday masses. He joined Project STEP six years ago, and through this program he has received training in cello and music theory. He currently receives private instruction from Susanne Friedrich. In addition to the cello, Xavier studies the piano (under Yerim Kang), organ (under James Kennerly), and composition (under Rodney Lister). Aside from music, Xavier's favorite activities in the Boston area are apple picking at Carlson's Orchard in Harvard and eating burritos at Anna's Taqueria.

OLIVER TREVOR

Oliver Trevor is a 15-year old freshman at Boston College High School. He joined Boston Youth Symphony's Intensive Community Program at the age of six, and he currently receives private instruction from Aleksandra Labinska. He has served as concertmaster for BYSO's Junior Repertory Orchestra and principle second for the Luzerne Symphony Orchestra. Before high school, Oliver attended St Paul's Choir School in Cambridge, with whom he performed Stravinsky's Perséphone at Symphony Hall and sang for the Pope at Saint Peter's Basilica.



COMMUNITY JUSTICE AWARD



CITIZENS FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE

Citizens for Juvenile Justice's mission is advocating for statewide systemic reform that achieves equitable youth justice. Citizens for Juvenile Justice (CfJJ) was founded in 1994 as the only independent, non-profit, statewide organization working exclusively to reform and reimagine the juvenile justice and other youth serving systems in Massachusetts. They advocate, convene through community engagement, conduct research, and educate the public on important juvenile and youth justice issues.

COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE AWARD

LAEL ELIZABETH HIAM CHESTER

DIRECTOR OF THE EMERGING ADULT JUSTICE PROJECT AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S JUSTICE LAB



Lael Elizabeth Hiam Chester, JD, is the Director of the Emerging Adult Justice Project at the Columbia University Justice Lab. A graduate of Barnard College and Harvard Law School, she worked as the Albert Martin Sacks Clinical Fellow at the Criminal Justice Institute at Harvard and then as an Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. For 12 years, she served as Executive Director of Citizens for Juvenile Justice (CfJJ), a statewide non-profit dedicated to improving the juvenile justice system. She then served as a Research Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School's Program in Criminal Justice Policy and

Management, where she focused her research on emerging adults (ages 18 - 25). She has continued this work at the Columbia University's Justice Lab, where she conducts cutting-edge action research projects in collaboration with other researchers, practitioners, policy makers, advocates and people with lived-experience from around the country to increase learning and drive transformative innovations in this new field.

PRO BONO ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR



GREGG KATZ

Gregg Katz is a partner in Goodwin Procter LLP's Technology group. Gregg advises clients on a wide variety of public and private securities offerings, mergers and acquisitions and other complex transactions. His practice centers on technology and life sciences companies, including clients in the software, hardware, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, and other technology-driven industries. He is the supervising partner on all EdLaw Project cases handled by Goodwin attorneys. He is also a member of Goodwin's Hiring and Pro Bono Committees. Since the inception of YAF's pro bono panel, Gregg has been both an active pro bono attorney and supervisor of other Goodwin



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attorneys. He took his first case in 2015 and has worked on 15 cases since that time. He has been a huge supporter of YAF within his firm and cares deeply about the students he is involved in representing.

STUDENT STORIES

Elijah Williams



Elijah is a goal oriented young man with a big heart who attends high school in Boston. He is academically capable and individually driven to pursue his life's dream. Elijah passed the MCAS, and anticipates graduating next year. Elijah's dream is to attend Berklee College of Music with a major in sound engineering leading to a career in music production.

As a student with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), Elijah has been working with Edith Bazile, SESP and then education advocate, for the past two years to access the school supports he needs to achieve that dream. When they realized that the McKinley School was not helping him with the college application process, including telling him that his dream was unachievable, and not challenging him academically, Elijah transferred to Boston Day and Evening Academy (BDAE).

He is a local hip-hop artist, who goes by "YBK twice", and is unique amongst his peers. Elijah has performed throughout the Boston community with the help of the Boston Music Project and BRL (Beats, Rhymes and Life.) His unique blend of stylized hooks and raps push boundaries and unapologetically showcases a myriad of raw, versatile experiences and sociopolitical challenges shaped by urban survival.

YouTube: www.youtube.com/@YBKtwice

STUDENT STORIES

Jahssa Estrela



The EdLaw Project was contacted in May 2023 by Doraliza Simas-Estrela, mother of Jahssa Estela, a freshman at Whitman-Hanson High School, concerning a proposed long-term suspension of Jahssa. The proposed discipline arose from an incident in which a white student made an extremely inflammatory statement, using a racial slur and calling for the “KKK to wipe em all out” (referring to black students). Jahssa was accused of striking this student, a charge that he strongly denied.

An EdLaw attorney assisted Jahssa by appearing on his behalf at a principal’s hearing. Despite strong evidence that Jahssa had not engaged in any wrongful conduct, the principal imposed a seven day in school suspension. This decision was appealed to the Superintendent. After a long hearing that focused on racism as a major issue at the high school, the Superintendent reduced the in-school suspension. The superintendent’s hearing provided an opportunity to discuss the school climate issues, with a commitment for change.

Jahssa has gone on to be a star athlete at Whitman-Hanson as a captain of the basketball team. He is looking forward to graduating next year and hopes to play soccer or basketball in college.

CLIENT SPEAKER

Elijah ("Eli") Jerome



Eli was connected to the EdLaw Project by his attorney, Pavel and his CASA, Elizabeth when he was facing exclusion from the special education school he had been attending. He was in his senior year and only had a little left to do to earn his diploma. Eli has been in the custody of DCF from a young age, mostly going from group home to group home. At age 18 he was

living in the group home placement he had been at since age 16. One of the requirements of that placement is that he either be in school or be working. So the school's plan to expel him not only threatened his goal of earning his diploma, but also his housing. His EdLaw attorney met with the school and was able to work out a plan that allowed Eli to go to school and get tutoring and support to finish the one course he needed to earn his diploma, specifically a Business Math class. After eight weeks of attending the program every day, he successfully finished the course, even earning an A! This is the kind of resilient young man that Eli is. Despite all the things he has had to face throughout his young life, he hasn't given up.

He has received his high school diploma and is now searching for a good job with the help of his program and one of YAF's new Social Service Advocates. His dream is to secure stable employment and be able to live in an apartment of his own.

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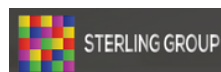
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Thanks to the efforts of our Pro Bono Panel, we have 38 additional families receiving support over the last year. The total number of students represented by our pro bono panel has grown to 155. And note how many panel members have helped more than one student!

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- Our many partners fighting the school-to-prison pipeline including: **Boston Education Justice Alliance, Black Advocates for Educational Excellence, Children's Law Center of Massachusetts, Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee, Greater Boston Legal Services, Center for Law and Education, MAC, Citizens for Juvenile Justice, Parent Professional Advocacy League, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Federation for Children with Special Needs, South Coastal Legal Services, Health Law Advocates** and **Community Legal Services**.
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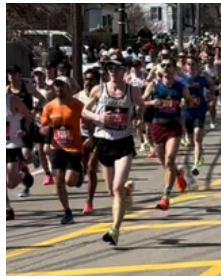
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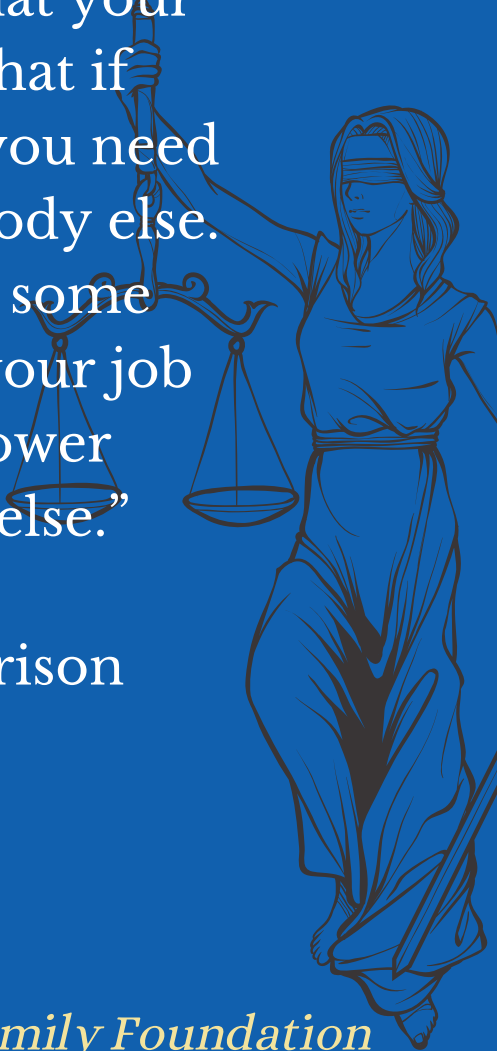
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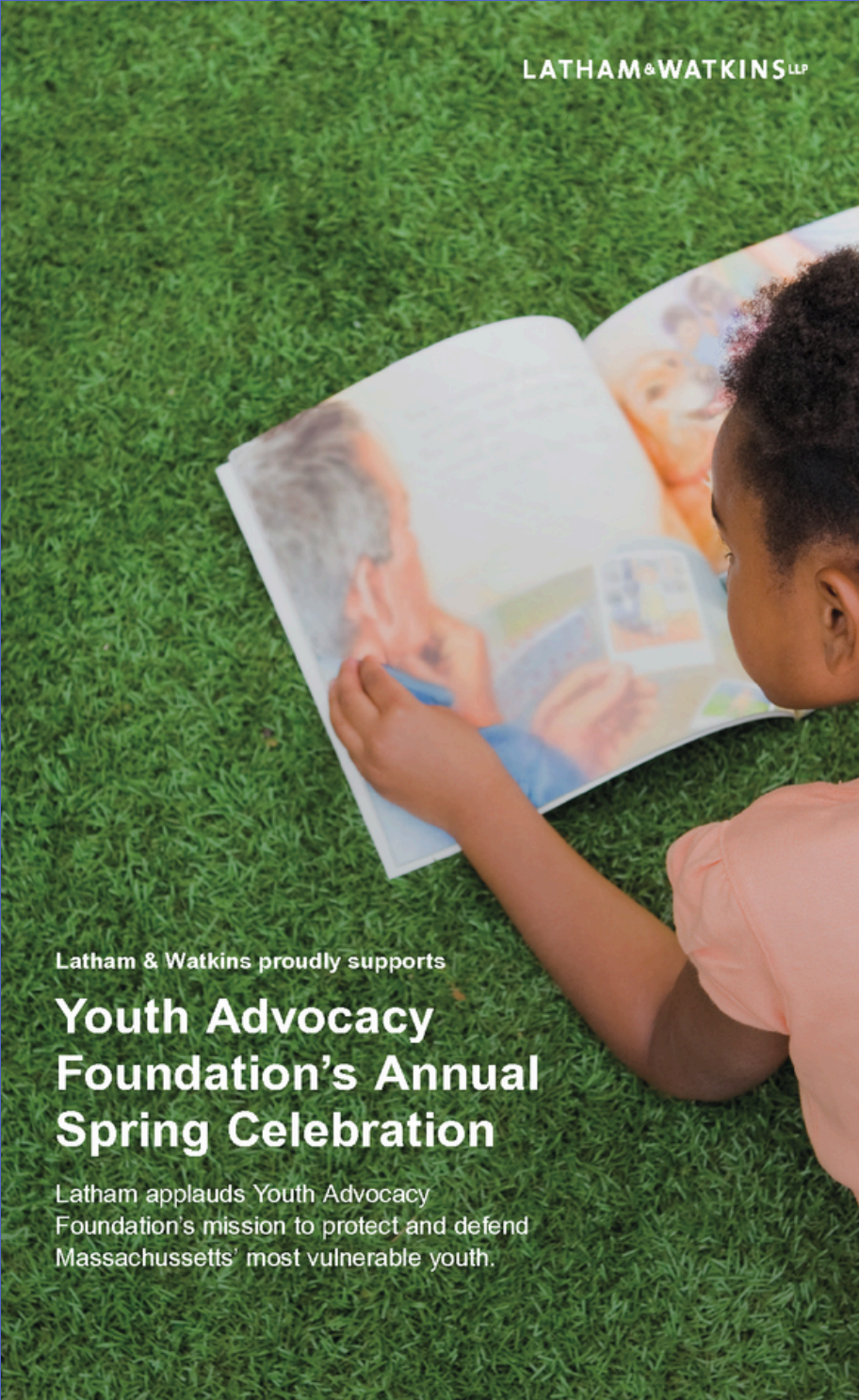
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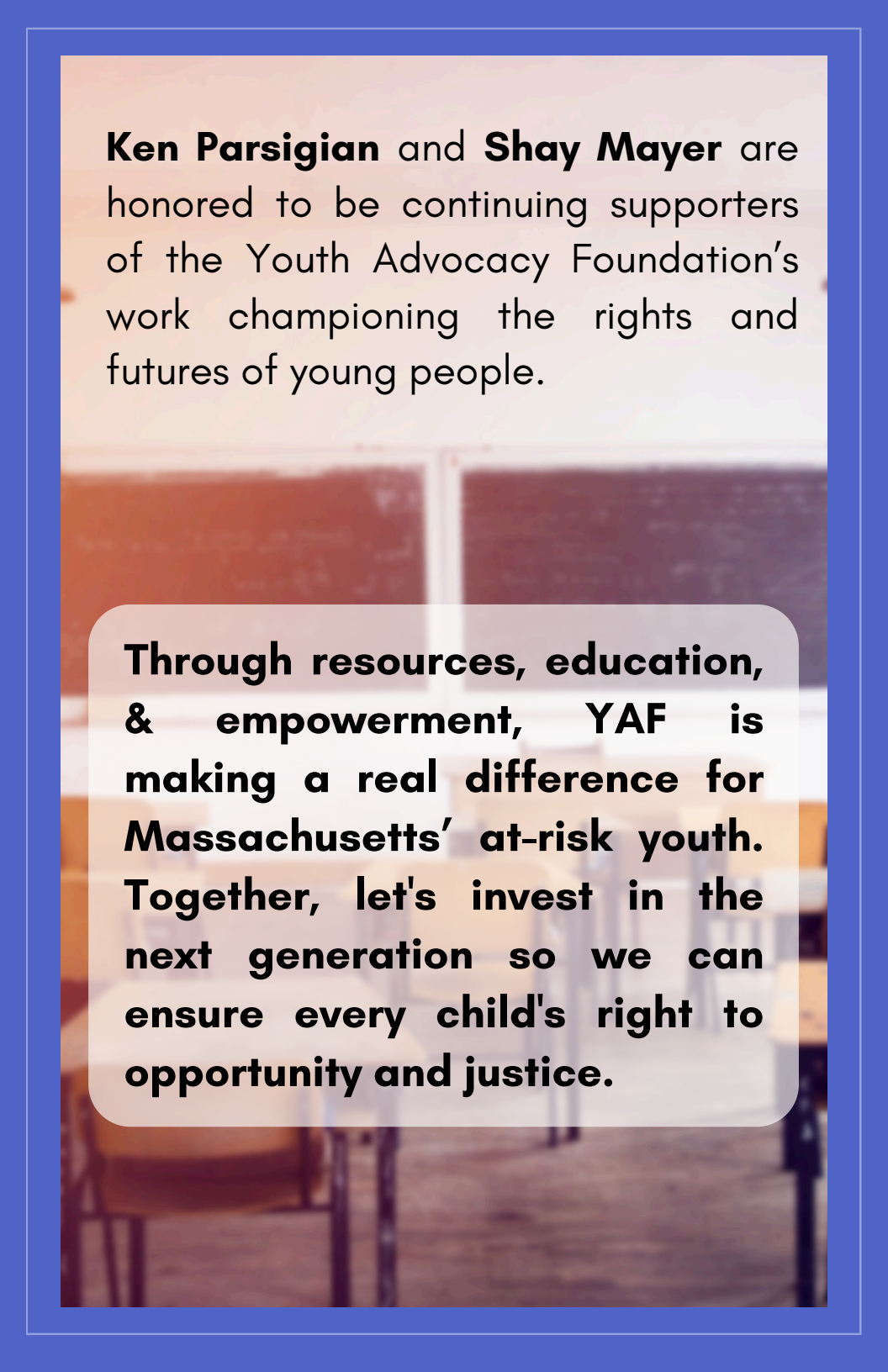


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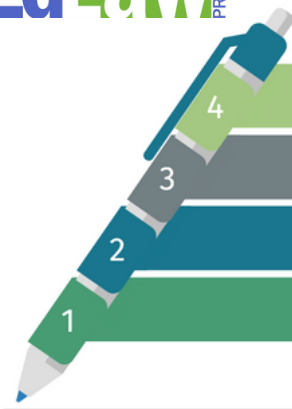
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