



Locals among those receiving their GEDs

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LAWRENCE -- Twenty youths from Lowell and Lawrence who were participants in the Robert F. Kennedy Children Action Corps Community Re-entry Centers, recently received their graduate equivalence degrees (GED) and were recognized by state and local officials in a ceremony at Heritage State Park.

The youths have overcome adversity and, in many cases, made restitution for past offenses on their way to earning their GEDs. Several of the GED graduates have gone on to college and job-related training programs. The students honored their teacher, Myrta Peteranecz, for her help throughout the process.

The Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps is a leader in children's welfare advocacy, care and treatment in Massachusetts. The agency's statewide services include educational, residential treatment, juvenile justice and community-outreach programs, which support, educate and rehabilitate children, helping them to grow into healthy and productive adult members of their communities.



(L to R): Kevin McNeeley, administrator of juvenile justice programs, RFK Children's Action Corps; Lee-Ann Martelle, program director, RFK Children's Action Corps Eliot Center Community Outreach; Lisa Augusta, program director, RFK Children's Action Corps Lawrence Community Re-Entry Center; Myrta Peteranecz, general equivalence degree instructor at RFK Children's Action Corps; and Jane Tewksbury, Department of Youth Services commissioner.