

Jake Farber Biography

My professional experience includes working at the Alaska Military Youth Academy for the last three years, helping connect students with post-secondary education opportunities. I also have experience working in the Anchorage School District, as well as a number of school districts in Wyoming. I believe strongly in helping students, especially those from historically oppressed or marginalized populations, access post-secondary education. Furthermore, I believe that it is essential to begin planning for post-secondary education prior to high school. Developing and promoting programs to engage middle school students and families in college and career planning will lay the foundation for higher post-secondary education completion rates.

My educational experience includes dropping out of high school at age 17, and then going on to earn my GED in 2008. After getting my GED I earned an associate degree before transferring to the University of Wyoming to pursue my Bachelor of Social Work degree, which I completed in 2013. I am currently working on a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Alaska Anchorage, and plan to graduate in the spring of 2019. One of the biggest lessons I have learned during my journey through post-secondary education is how to be an advocate for my own learning. One way that I think we can improve graduation rates for post-secondary education students is by emphasizing self-advocacy. If elected I will work hard to continue building the connections and partnerships already established by Alaska Post-Secondary Access and Completion Network. I firmly believe that we can reach the goal of 65% by 2025, and would be honored to serve as a board member for this organization.