



Brook Griese
Clinical Psychologist and Co-Founder of Judi's House/JAG Institute

At Denver Public Schools Foundation, we believe that our city is strengthened by every student who graduates ready to lead a successful life. At the DPS Foundation, we invest in accelerating progress, we connect the community to our classrooms, and we inspire confidence in the promise of public education.

Brook is a licensed clinical psychologist who has devoted her career to promoting resilience and growth in children and families who have experienced trauma, loss, and adversity. A public school graduate, she is a Distinguished Alumni of Albion College, where she majored in both psychology and fine arts with a concentration in public service. She earned her PhD in psychology from the University of Colorado Boulder, training at Children's Hospital Colorado and the Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect.

In 2002, Brook and her husband, Brian, co-founded Judi's House in memory of his mother who died when he was 12. Since that time, this bereavement center has provided free comprehensive grief care to more than 11,000 youth and caregivers—onsite and in schools throughout Metro Denver, reaching many more and strengthening communities across the country through the education, research, and advocacy initiatives of JAG Institute. Brook spearheaded the nonprofit's research and trauma-informed programs and served as CEO before transitioning to her current role on the Board of Directors. She regularly publishes and presents nationally, and is an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Brook has served on several boards and advisory bodies, including the University of Colorado Johnson Depression Center Board of Directors, and was appointed to both Mayor Hancock's Denver Education Compact and the Children's Subcommittee of Governor Polis' Colorado Behavioral Health Task Force. Recent honors include being named one of the 25 Most Powerful Women in the state by the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce in 2018 and receiving the 2019 Excellence in Service Award from the National Alliance for Grieving Children.

Brook and Brian live in Denver with their two children and are proud to be DPS parents. In addition to being an artist, Brook enjoys playing tennis, hiking, and skiing with her family and friends.

We know that when our students thrive, our city thrives. As a DPS parent, public school graduate, and child psychologist, I am deeply invested in ensuring equitable access to high quality, whole child education for all youth. Children and teens spend a majority of their day in school, which makes this a critical place not only for academics but also for social emotional learning, early identification of behavioral health needs, and timely intervention that can prevent disruption to their developmental trajectories and wellbeing.

