



JEFFERSON AWARDS

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Meet April's Jefferson Award Winner:

Darius Parakh



- Head of the advisory board for Peer Court, an alternative approach to the juvenile justice system using a jury of the youth's peers
- Worked closely with youth charged with an offense, giving them an understanding of their rights, justice and the law; empowering to make better decisions in their daily lives
- Head of policy and procedure for Peer Court, writing policies for a county-level program

"I live and I breathe law in a very interesting way... What gets me up in the morning is... the chance to speak to another youth... and to help them, and to affect their view of the world."